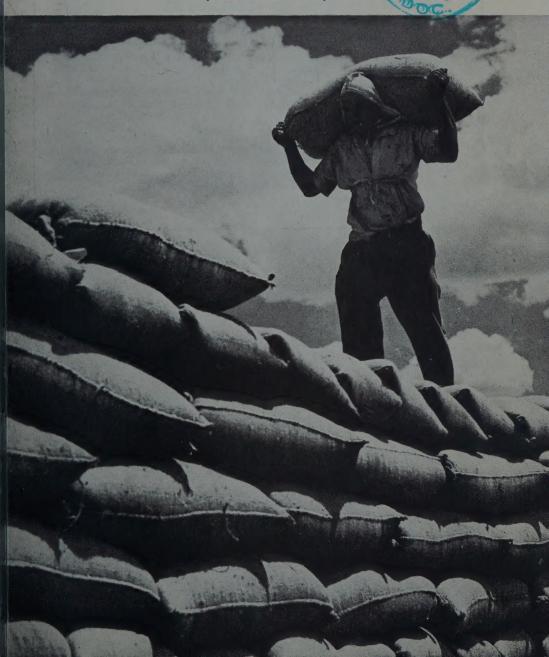
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COVER SUBJECT—Piling wheat in Australia, where half the crop is bagged and half is handled in bulk. The Commonwealth has recently completed an agreement with Great Britain for the supply of eighty million bushels during the current calendar year, nearly half of which will be for delivery to Aden, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Ceylon, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Malayan Union, Mauritius, Palestine, Persian Gulf sheikdoms, Tripolitania and to oil companies in the Middle East. If the 1947-1948 harvest reaches 210,000,000 bushels, an additional five million bushels will be made available to the United Kingdom.

Photo by Sydney Morning Herald

Imports Into Eire From Canada Show Substantial Increase

This country ranked third among suppliers, following Britain and the United States—Both quantities and values of practically all imports higher—Eire's exports, chiefly agricultural products, go to Britain.

By H. L. E. Priestman, Commercial Secretary for Canada

DUBLIN, December 8, 1947.—Imports from Canada during the nine months ending September 30 were valued at £4,335,797, which indicates a substantial increase over the corresponding figure for 1946, amounting to £1,756,744. Great Britain, from which Eire purchased goods valued at £35,002,098, compared with £24,749,421 in the corresponding period of 1946, was the principal source of supply. Imports from the United States increased materially, being valued at £19,167,212 in the first nine months of the calendar year, as against £5,367,912 in the same period of 1946.

Imports into Eire, by Countries

	January-September		
	1947	1946	
Total imports	£90,697,826	£48,927,967	
Great Britain	35,002,098	24,749,421	
United States	19,167,212	5,367,912	
Canada	4,335,797	1,756,744	
Argentina	3,685,218	2,567,276	
British India	2,384,158	1,634,410	
Netherlands	2,250,911	416,437	
Belgium	2,000,183	524,442	
France	1,685,565	473,178	
Italy	1,656,552	175,428	
Dutch West Indies	1,549,964	878,683	
Sweden	1,498,208	418,963	
Czechoslovakia	1,169,658		

Imports of Practically All Items Higher

No details are available as to the particular commodities making up the totals for each country, but the following are the main items imported from all countries in the first nine months of 1947, with comparative figures for the same period of 1946:

Imports into Eire, by Commodities

	January-	September
	1947	1946
Wheat	£2,475,862	£ 886,404
Barley	311,495	627,384
Maize	780,590	1,233,360
Wheaten flour	3,695,472	14,720
Tea	2,082,120	1,353,589
Drink (including ale, beer, ciders, spirits, and wines)	1,073,813	673,875
Tobacco	1,456,077	1,190,595
Coal	5,307,381	2,684,205
Machinery and electrical goods	5,829,787	3,582,042
Wood and timber and manufactures	3,051,934	758,941
Textiles (except apparel)	15,340,889	7,926,868
Apparel	5,853,583	2,316,553

Values and Quantities Generally Higher

Although the value of coal imports is more than double that for 1946, the quantity imported showed a slight decrease, from 962,539 tons to 948,783 tons. This is accounted for by the fact that a large proportion of the coal was obtained from the United States at laid-down prices much higher than those formerly paid for British coal.

Practically every imported commodity showed an increase both in value and in quantity. The most noteworthy was wheat, imports of which increased from 817,178 cwts. (of 112 pounds) to 1,530,142 cwts. Flour imports increased from 8,417 cwts. to 1,630,913 cwts., those of tea by 3,000,000 pounds, and of tobacco from 7,388,558 pounds to 8,716,704 pounds. Imports of motor spirit totalled 24,449,548 gallons (£900,223) for the 1946 period, but increased substantially to 37,356,169 gallons (£1,203,727) for the same months of 1947.

United Kingdom Took 90 Per Cent of Exports

Exports from Eire, which were valued at £26,104,610 in the first nine months of 1947 as against £25,970,247 in the same period of 1946, mainly comprise livestock, of which the largest item is cattle, followed by horses. In recent years, greyhounds and agricultural and dairy produce, including meat, eggs, flax and wool, have also become important exports. The only other item of importance is alcoholic beverages, chiefly porter and whisky.

As in past years, more than 90 per cent of Eire's exports, valued at £26,104,610, was consigned to the United Kingdom, which accounted for £23,682,474. In the comparable period last year, purchases by the United Kingdom amounted to £24,198,869 of the total of £25,970,247.

In the 1947 period, Belgium was a heavy buyer of Irish cattle and accounted for almost half of the remaining value of exports. Exports to that country had a value of £1,073,040 as against £208,298 in the 1946 period. The Netherlands also purchased cattle, and exports to that destination were valued at £481,396 (£575,384 in 1946).

Exports to the principal European destinations were: France, £135,018 (£120,301); and Switzerland, £106,640 (£90,223).

Exports to North America declined, the United States being credited with purchases to a value of £171,823 (£326,390), and Canada with only £14,347 (£17,165).

Exports Almost Entirely Agricultural Products

Cattle, the largest single item of export, were shipped in the first nine months of 1947 to the number of 311,109 (£9,620,390) as against 306,038 (£8,916,084) in the similar period of 1946. Cattle exports consisted of 32,433 fats, 253,136 stores, 25,361 milch cows and heifers, and 179 calves.

Exports of horses were valued at £4,054,115, but on the import side the figure was £2,095,237. In the nine months a total of 8,291 greyhounds (£849,394) were exported. These went chiefly to Great Britain, where greyhound racing is a major sport. The corresponding figures for 1946 were 7,265 (£754,018).

Exports of food, including dead meat, rabbits, fowl, eggs and fish, totalled £3,796,092 as against £5,033,417 in the previous year. Of the items contributing to the reduction in value, eggs and tinned beef were the most important. In the first nine months of 1946 a total of 1,837,615

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great hundreds of eggs (£2,355,507) were exported. For the 1946 period the figure was 1,310,147 great hundreds (£1,776,059). Tinned beef exports fell from 125,651 cwts. (£828,195) to 45,960 cwts. (£300,312). Exports of ale, beer, porter and spirits remained fairly constant at around the £3,000,000 figure. Other exports in the 1947 period were: flax, £380,420 (£688,829) and wool, £517,641 (£458,700).

British West Africa is Developing Market and Source of Materials

Natives aspire to higher living standards and management of own affairs—Colonial Development Corporation provides for exploitation of territories, including former German plantations—Rice being cultivated in Sierra Leone.

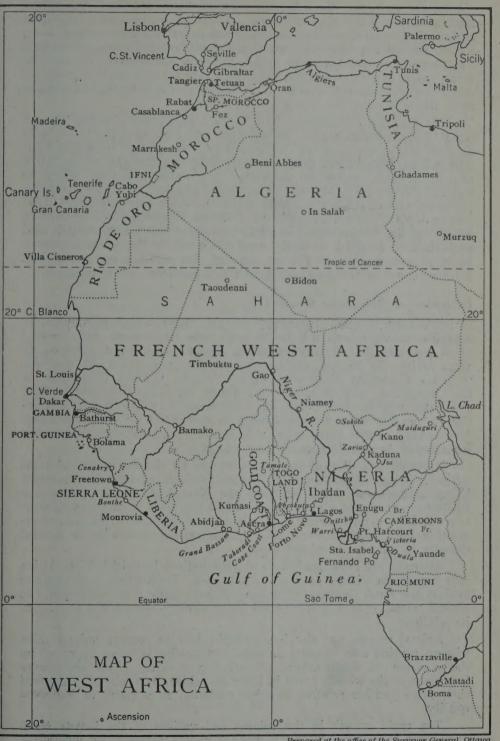
By R. P. Bower, Commercial Secretary for Canada

(Editor's Note—This is the first in a series of six articles on British West Africa as a market, prepared for Foreign Trade.)

London, December 15, 1947.—British West Africa comprises the colonies of Nigeria, the Gold Coast, Sierra Leone and Gambia, all situated on the western coast of the continent between the equator and the 15th parallel north latitude. While these areas have been valuable sources of a number of basic raw materials for many years, they have not offered an important outlet for the exports of Canada. The wants of the native population were primitive and restricted by the generally low income of the great majority. The demand of the few white people living in the areas was not enough in itself to create a volume market,

This situation is changing, and plans for the extensive economic development of the areas suggest that the next few years will witness a transformation in the nature and extent of these very interesting markets.

The war has not only brought home to the Colonial Administration in the United Kingdom the vast undeveloped resources of the areas, but it has stimulated the aspirations of the natives themselves for a higher standard of living and a greater share in the management of their own affairs. In common with colonial possessions in all parts of the world, the British West African areas require an increasing devolution of authority with a fuller integration of government on democratic lines. The government's role has been extended to embrace economic and social as well as political advancement. A West African Council, consisting of the governors of the four colonies, has been formed with a permanent secretariat, the object being to integrate the program of the areas as closely as possible. At the same time, there has been an increase in the direct representation of Africans on all Legislative Councils, the creation of unofficial African majorities in Nigeria and the Gold Coast, and the inclusion of Africans on the Executive Councils in West Africa. All of this is aimed at bringing the colonies to a point where full self-government will be possible, preferably within the framework of the British Commonwealth.



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Provision Made for Higher Living Standard

In the past, the West African colonies have not had the varied economies, nor have they developed their basic economic resources sufficiently to provide for the social services and rising standards of living which their citizens now demand. Colonial welfare and development acts were not primarily designed to exploit the economic resources of colonial areas, but to improve social conditions as a step towards political progress. All potential fields were examined, and considerable progress has already been made, financed by grants under the acts.

The Colonial Development and Welfare Acts provide money for the social and other services of the colonies, and help to supply the basic services for further economic development in the form of improved communications, better agricultural services, water supplies and so on. They cannot, however, undertake individual productive enterprise likely to increase the general wealth of the territories affected, nor greatly increase the production of the raw materials which the world currently needs. It is proposed to fill this void with the Colonial Development Corporation, set up by the Crown with borrowing powers of some \$500,000,000, and authorized to establish or assist any enterprise in the colonies deemed likely to increase their productive capacity. Its object is not to supplant private enterprise, but to assist it, and to supplement where necessary.

Cultivation of Groundnuts Proposed

The East African Groundnut Scheme, under which approximately 3,500,000 acres of land will be brought under cultivation, has received much publicity, but equally promising avenues are being explored in West Africa. In Nigeria, the government has the power to purchase from the Custodian of Enemy Property former German plantations in the Cameroons, and to establish a public corporation to which these properties will be transferred on long lease, with the special obligation to develop them for the benefit of the people of the Cameroons. Membership of the corporation will become progressively more representative of the inhabitants of the territory.

Research into the oil palm industry in all the territories of West Africa is being undertaken. Rice cultivation is being extended in Sierra Leone, attempts are being made by the West African Crown Research Institute to eradicate a virus disease which has done tremendous damage to cocoa culture, particularly in the Gold Coast, while all areas are experimenting with tropical crops which have proved profitable in similar climates in other parts of the world.

Attempts are being made to make the natives in British West Africa conscious of the virtues of good animal stock. Inoculations and vaccines against the most devastating animal diseases have been developed. In Nigeria alone, over 1,750,000 doses have already been given in animal inoculations.

Animal owners are also being taught how to remove animal skins without causing cuts or other damage, and quality is being improved by the extension of shade drying. Nigerian goat skins, which are always important in the world's trade in hides and skins, have already improved their price position relative to other varieties, as a result of improved quality.

The rapid growth in the volume and variety of the import trade of the area has induced a large number of native traders to set themselves up as agents and importers. Some of these are men of substance and

experience, but the vast majority are petty traders with very limited financial means. Canadian firms receiving offers from West African merchants should proceed with extreme caution and insist on irrevocable letter of credit terms until satisfied with the financial standing of their correspondents. The Commercial Secretary for Canada in London is in a position to give information on the financial status of any firm in the area, and to recommend suitable outlets and agents.

Import Licences

Since the war, imports into the West African colonies have been regulated by a system of import licences, issued by controllers in each of the areas. As the colonies are considered part of the sterling area, and in view of the current need for the whole sterling area to conserve its dollar resources, import licences have been used to direct purchases to sterling sources where this is possible. In general, however, import licences for merchandise from dollar countries permit the entry of the same percentage of goods from those areas as came in before the war. In the case of essential imports which were not obtained from dollar sources before the war, but which cannot be acquired in adequate volume from the sterling areas today, the governors in the various colonies have the power to issue import licences on the basis of need.

The extent of the financial crisis in Great Britain may involve some tightening of the controls affecting imports into the colonies from dollar areas. Any measures taken along these lines will be of a temporary nature only, and may be modified or removed with any improvement in the general economic situation in the United Kingdom.

While the inability to obtain import licences may prevent business being done, those interested in the market should not be deterred from making investigations and endeavouring to establish connections. The only way to clarify the import licensing policy on a specific article is to make a concrete offer.

Enquiries should be directed to the Commercial Secretary for Canada, Canada House, London, whose territory includes the British West African Colonies. The reason for the London office assuming responsibility for the territory is that the bulk of the English merchant houses doing business in West Africa have their head offices and buying offices in Great Britain.

An exporter should endeavour to sell in the currency of his own country, and thereby avoid risk of loss through fluctuations in exchange. Where payment may be required in United States dollars under existing regulations or for the convenience of the customer, the Canadian firm may be able to quote prices in Canadian dollars with the proviso that payment may be made in United States dollars at the current rate of exchange on date of settlement. If foreign exchange must be the media of the transaction, the exporter may minimize possible losses by hedging, i.e., on receipt of a firm order, selling to the bank for forward delivery within a stipulated period the amount of foreign exchange which he knows will be realized under the terms of sale at a specified time. (See our ABC of Canadian Export Trade, page 18.)

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Canada Year Book Again Provides Wealth of Foreign Trade Data

Edition for 1947, now available for distribution, contains several reviews of this country's relation to economy of other lands—Claimed that foreign trade is keystone in arch of international co-operation—"Directory of Official Sources of Information" is new feature.

FOREIGN trade, the means by which surplus production is exchanged for needed commodities from other parts of the world, is the keystone in the arch of international co-operation. It is relatively more important in the case of Canada than in those countries where the production capacity is smaller, population is denser and the level of domestic consumption higher. These observations are set forth in the introduction to the Canada Year Book for 1947, which has just been published and is now available for two dollars from the King's Printer, Government Printing Bureau, Ottawa.

Never before in peacetime has Canada's foreign trade reached such high levels as in the months following the latest war. In 1946, Canada exported goods valued at \$2,312,215,000, while imports at the rate of \$1,-927,279 were recorded. (Domestic exports for the first eleven months of 1947 were valued at \$2.508.747.000 and imports for consumption at \$2,-379,790,000). During that year, 73 per cent of all imports came from the United States, whereas only 38 per cent of exports were taken by that country. Since January 1, 1947, the overall trade position has strengthened considerably. Thus, for the six months ending June, 1947, total exports of \$1,328,459,000 have been about balanced by imports of \$1,256,735,000, but the position vis-a-vis the United States has not improved. In fact, it has slightly deteriorated, inasmuch as almost 80 per cent of imports over the six-month period came from the United States, whereas only about 36 per cent of exports were taken by that country. The seriousness of this trade picture lies in the fact that the 64 per cent of exports taken by countries other than the United States were financed to a large extent by loans and credits made by the Federal Government to the importing countries, which are without effective purchasing power of their own. On the other hand, Canada must continue to meet the large debit balance with the United States from her diminishing United States dollar reserves.

Markets on Sound Commercial Basis Needed

If Canada's greatly expanded industrial capacity is to find export outlets, markets must be found for surplus production on a sound commercial basis. Canada for some time to come must reckon with an impoverished world and with great uncertainties in regard to foreign currencies and exchange controls. The rapid deterioration in Britain's supply of United States dollars, coupled with the failure of European production to expand more rapidly, has made the current situation extremely uncertain. Prospects for the next few years hinge heavily on the rate at which production in European and other countries recovers, and this in turn is closely tied up with the amount of aid which may be forthcoming under the Marshall Plan.

Thus, our postwar position, although by and large that of a creditor nation, is not without anxiety, and depends on the discovery of some

formula in the relatively near future whereby collective and competitive factors may be brought into play. Lend-Lease and Mutual Aid were replaced after the war by assistance given to Europe through the machinery of UNRRA. This organization, in turn, has lately terminated its work. It was never intended to be more than a short-range assistance plan until more lasting arrangements could be brought about. If UNRRA has not fulfilled its first promise of achieving economic recovery for Europe, it has at least avoided collapse. Yet, the need for help exists to an extent as great as ever, and must be met without loss of time if the interests of all countries, including Canada, are to be best served.

Peacetime Balance of Year Book Restored

Effects of the first full year of peace are reviewed in this edition of the Canada Year Book, which was compiled by A. E. Millward and his staff while this country was celebrating its eightieth birthday. Much of the standard textual analysis was either condensed or eliminated from editions published during the war to provide for the introduction of special material on the war effort. This condition is being remedied and the peacetime balance restored.

Sixteen pages of this edition, which runs to 1,274, are devoted to a "Directory of Official Sources of Information". This should prove particularly useful to organizations and individuals engaged in an extensive and detailed review of any particular subject. As indicated in a preamble to this directory, there is a growing volume of enquiries received from the public, which is generally unfamiliar with internal government organization. For this reason, it is not surprising that enquiries have often to be routed and rerouted several times before they reach their intended destination.

As a general guide, it is pointed out that enquiries relating to the actual development and administration of provincial resources should be forwarded to the provinces concerned. Although the Federal Government does not administer provincial resources, it co-operates with them, and is in a position to furnish information for the whole of Canada, especially production data on a national basis, marketing data on international, national and provincial bases, research work and experimental station data on a national basis, and also on a provincial basis from federal government stations located within particular provinces.

Under the heading of trade, for example, the reader finds the following federal sources of data: Department of Trade and Commerce, including the Foreign Trade Service and its various divisions; the Department of the Secretary of State, for Companies Act and incorporation of companies. patents, copyright and trade marks; Canadian Government Exhibition Commission; Canadian Commercial Corporation; Export Credits Insurance Corporation; National Film Board and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, including the External Trade Branch and Merchandising and Services Section. Provincial sources of data are as follows: Prince Edward Island, Department of Industry and Natural Resources; Nova Scotia, Department of Industry and Publicity; New Brunswick, Department of Industry and Reconstruction; Quebec, Department of Trade and Commerce; Ontario, Trade and Industry Branch, Department of Planning and Development; Manitoba, Bureau of Industry and Commerce, Department of Mines and Natural Resources; Saskatchewan, Trades Service Division, Department of Natural Resources and Industrial Development; Alberta, Departments of Trade and Industry.

Foreign Trade Service Functions Outlined

The chapter of the current edition of the Canada Year Book on foreign trade outlines the functions of the six divisions in the Foreign Trade Service and associated agencies concerned with the development of foreign trade. In addition to a general review, it contains a section entitled "Canada's Place in the World Economy". The editor notes that the information in this section was prepared for the Dominion-Provincial Conference in 1941. He maintains that, although changes in trade patterns arising from the war might affect slightly some of the content, the review remains an excellent presentation of the relationship between the Canadian economy and international trade. A few minor adjustments were made where the changes were sufficiently large to necessitate revision.

Singapore and the Malayan Union Produce Valued Raw Materials

Territory provided forty per cent of world's raw rubber and thirty-three per cent of tin before the war—Rice is inadequate for domestic needs—Pineapples are basis of large canning industry.

By Paul Sykes, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Singapore

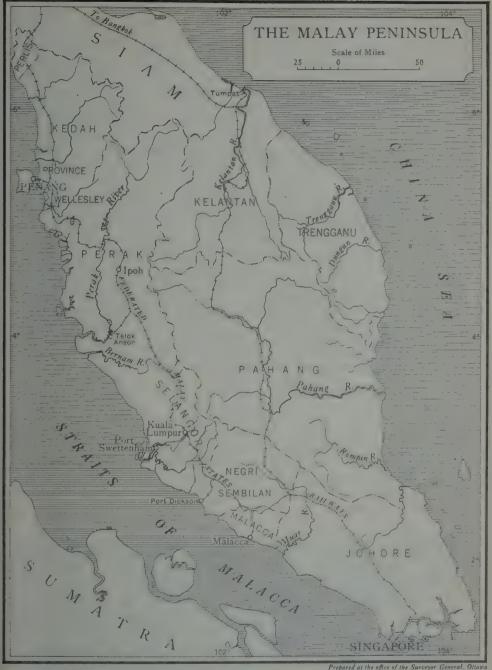
(Editor's Note—This is the first of four articles pertaining to Singapore and the Malayan Union, both as a market and source of supply.)

SINGAPORE and the Malayan Union are crown colonies, formerly known as the Straits Settlements and the Federated and Unfederated Malay States. Provision was made on April 1, 1946, for simplification of the political structure of British Malaya. Singapore, which became a separate political entity, includes the Island of Singapore, the Cocos or Keeling Islands and Christmas Island. The Malayan Union, with its capital at Kuala Lumpur, consists of the former Federated Malay States of Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan and Pahang, and the five Unfederated Malay States of Johore, Trengganu, Kelantan, Kedah and Perlis, together with all other parts of the former Straits Settlements, except Singapore. These include the settlement of Penang, the Island of Penang, Province Wellesley and the Dindings, the settlement of Malacca, and the town, fort and province of that name.

Singapore, which has an area of 220 square miles, lies at the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula, and is separated from the mainland by the Strait of Johore. The Malayan Union extends northward for some 465 miles to the State of Perlis and the border of Siam, and has an area of some 50.660 square miles, which is approximately equal to the combined areas of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The two colonies, which are almost on the equator, lie between a shallow sea in the Straits of Malacca and the South China Sea to the east, with the

Java Sea to the south.

Numerous rivers, the largest of which is the Pahang, drain the heavy rainfall from the surface of the Malay Peninsula. Several of these are still used as a basic form of transportation, owing to the dense vegetation that once choked every part of the country. The coastline is generally low, fringed by numerous small islands, and there are few good harbours. Singapore. Penang and Port Swettenham provide the only suitable anchorages for ocean-going vessels.



Malaya has High Humidity and Temperatures

The distinctive features of the climate of Malaya are high humidity and a uniformly high temperature. Maximum day temperatures are usually slightly less than 90 F. Nights are somewhat cooler, due partly to the "Sumatra Squalls" which, during some periods of the year, occur almost daily in the late afternoon bringing with them slight relief.

Along the whole of the east coast down to Singapore, the lowest rainfall occurs during July, in the middle of the Southwest monsoon. The highest rainfall occurs in December or January, about the middle of the Northeast monsoon. The pattern varies entirely along the northerly part of the west coast where the middle of both the monsoon periods are comparatively dry, the wet seasons occurring during the two periods of transition between the monsoons. Thus it happens that the two monsoons with the two transition periods provide four more or less definite seasons. The average annual rainfall for the peninsula is in the region of 100 inches.

Malaya does not experience the typhoons and other destructive storms for which the China Sea is notorious, as they form to the north in the Philippines and generally move in a northwesterly direction. The frequency of thunderstorms and "Sumatra Squalls" on the other hand is very high.

The population of Malaya in 1940 was 5,500,000, consisting of 2,300,000 Malays, 30,000 Europeans, 2,400,000 Chinese and 770,000 Indians. Of this total, some 750,000 lived in Singapore, where the Chinese population, then as now, made up some 77 per cent of the total.

No doubt with a view to future political development, the King is represented in Singapore and the Malayan Union, as well as in the British Borneo colonies, by a Governor-General. In both Singapore and the Malayan Union, the executive power is in the hands of a Governor, appointed by the Crown and responsible to the Colonial Office. Legislative power is vested in appointed councils. A council of native Sultans also functions in an advisory capacity in the Malayan Union, while actual administration in each Malay State is carried on by a British resident, although nominal powers are vested in the Sultans.

Rubber Production of Great Importance

In 1941, out of a total of 5,000.000 acres under cultivation in Malaya, 3,297,000 acres were devoted to the production of rubber. Annual output, amounting to 540,000 tons, was 40 per cent of the world total. The majority of plantations of 100 acres or more and most of the processing plants were British-owned. These plants are concerned mainly with curing and smoking. The rubber is generally exported in sheets, laps, etc., for final treatment in overseas countries.



Banka—Bucket dredge used in mining tin, used only on extensive and deep ore bodies.

The industry has suffered severely from damage and neglect during the occupation period, as well as reduced demand consequent on the use of artificial substitutes. It is now showing signs of revival. Rubber is

the most important of Malaya's agricultural products.

An average of 727,000 acres was devoted to rice production before the war, but as rice is the staple food of 99 per cent of the population, the crop of 340,000 tons a year provided only one-third of domestic requirements. Additional supplies were customarily imported from Siam, Burma and Indo-China.

Subsidiary branches of agricultural production include the growing of pineapples, which form the basis of a substantial canning and export industry, oil palms, coconuts, sago, tapioca, sugar and a variety of tropical fruits and vegetables.

Malaya Leading Source of Tin

In 1940, Malaya provided 33·2 per cent of the world's production of tin. The ore is recovered by dredging, these operations being mainly controlled by European firms, and by gravel pump mines generally managed by Chinese interests. There are three smelting plants, one in Singapore and two in Penang, which treat the ore from local mines as well as from several of the Dutch islands lying off the southern tip of the peninsula. Exports are customarily in the form of ingots, bars, slabs, etc.

Other minerals produced in Malaya are iron ore, bauxite, coal,

manganese, phosphates and tungsten.

Many areas of the Malayan Union are heavily forested and produce valuable woods used for building construction, ship building and ship repairing, furniture manufacturing and other purposes. The lumbering and sawmilling industry is an extensive one but, owing to the dispersion of stands of commercial types of timber, comprises a large number of comparatively small and generally self-contained units.

Despite its long coastline, Malaya's fishing industry is of small importance. This is due largely to lack of initiative in the use of modern equipment, which in turn is based on limited demand and competition from other producing areas. Various excellent varieties of edible fish are found along both coasts but substantial quantities of dried, salted, frozen and canned fish are nevertheless imported from Siam, Canada and other sources.

Canadian-Made Vehicles Assembled

Malaya's industrial activities are chiefly concerned with the processing of crude rubber and with tin smelting. There are also a number of plants manufacturing rubber shoes, tires, tubes, hose and toys. Other industrial activities include pineapple canneries, match factories, machine shops, coconut and other oil mills, sawmills, rice mills, soap factories, breweries and handicraft establishments turning out pewter and silverware, some textile products, jewellery, footwear, etc. A number of other plants for the manufacture of toilet articles, a variety of building materials, electric equipment, etc., are in course of development. There is, as well, a substantial business in the assembly of Canadian and United States-made motor vehicles.

Vienna Spring Fair to be Held Next March

Canadians have been invited to attend or exhibit at the Vienna Spring Fair, to be held from March 14 to March 21. 1948. Canadian businessmen interested in this fair may obtain full particulars from the Austrian Foreign Trade Office, 25 Broad Street, New York 4.



Leopoldville—Forescom Building, owned by the Société Forestière et Commerciale du Congo Belge, in which the office of the Canadian Trade Commissioner was opened on January 15. This is one of the most modern buildings in Leopoldville, having just been completed.

Belgian Congo Largely Dependent On Neighbours for Food Supply

Congo Basin rich in palm oil, rubber and diamonds, but must import large percentage of foodstuffs—Fish is one of staples, and Angola is chief source of supply—Canadians may find market, but price level must be low.

By L. H. Ausman, Canadian Trade Commissioner

Lithe part of tropical Central Africa known as the Congo river basin, though rich in certain important industrial raw products such as palm oil, copper, diamonds, rubber, and radium, is deficient in food for the daily needs of its 14,000,000 natives. The production of manioc, corn, rice and other cereals is so short that embargoes have had to be placed on exports. Though cattle are raised in Ruanda-Urundi and the east of the Colony, considerable numbers of cattle are imported from Rhodesia, and there is a serious shortage of meat in the lower Congo area. In the large industrial compounds where the native workers are fed by the company employing them, particularly in the southeast province of Katanga, regular rations of fresh meat are supplied. Elsewhere in the Colony, however, the natives must depend on the result of the hunt for their meat. This method of securing food is not possible for the increasing numbers of city dwellers, such as the 110,000 people in Leopoldville.

Lacking meat, fish is therefore a staple article of diet, and is consumed fresh, smoked and dry salted. The fish caught in the Congo River and its tributaries, usually sold fresh or smoked, is entirely inadequate for the needs of the population. Moreover, the Belgian Congo sea coast is very short, and there is no sea fishing industry of any importance. Consequently the country is dependent on imports for a large part of the fish consumed.

The following figures showing imports of smoked, dried and salted fish for 1938 and 1945 will indicate the principal sources of supply before and after the war:

Herring		
	1938 Metri	1945 c tons
United Kingdom	1.4	
Belgium	51.4	
Denmark		1.0
United States		27.2
Norway	5.9	
Rhodesia		1.2
Netherlands	6.0	
South Africa		28.4
Other countries	.3	.2
Total	65.0	58.0
Cod	1938	1945
	Metri	e tons
United Kingdom	15.8	
Angola	1.3	
Belgium	4 4 4 4	12.5
Denmark		12.5
Norway	11.6	
Portugal	.6	
Other countries	.7	
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Total	30.0	25.0

	1938	1945
	Metric	tons
Germany	29.6	
United Kingdom	24.2	7.2
Angola	6,045.1	5,824.6
Belgium	28.8	
Canary Islands	212.2	
Cape Verde	99.5	
Spain	54.2	
Kenya	96.9	6.3
Norway	7.4	
Rhodesia	1.1	1 9
Tanganyika	305.2	452.0
Uganda	671.4	1,740.6
South Africa	.1	1.1
Other countries	2.0	1.1
Total	7,576.6	8,034.8

For the year 1946, and the first half of 1947, the classification is not broken down as to variety of fish, but the provisional figures for smoked and dried fish are:

Imports of Fish Into Belgian Congo, 1946-47

	1946	(JanJune) 1947
	Metri	ic tons
United Kingdom		47.8
Angola	6,069.2	1,295.3
Canary Islands		115.0
Tanganyika	414.3	309.9
Rhodesia	7 707 0	78
Uganda	1,567.0	589.7
South Africa	32 7	53.2
Kenya	02.1	
Canada:		4S
Total	8,083.3	2,412.5

The comparatively low total for the first six months of 1947 is due, primarily, to the small imports from Angola early in the year, and the figure is not representative of the final amount that will be established. It is believed, however, that the total for 1947 will fall short of that for the preceding year. There is an annual seasonal decline in imports during the months from March to July, but current purchases from Angola are now more normal, and one of the two principal import firms reported that their arrivals in December were almost equivalent to the six-month figure recorded above.

These figures indicate that Angola is the chief source of supply. The fishing industry in the Portuguese Colony bordering the Belgian Congo is well developed, and a wide variety of sea fish is caught. Many of these are salted and sun dried for export to the Congo. The most common type are Corvina (Sioena aquila) and Pungu.

Congo Government Seeks Additional Supplies

In view of the decline early last year in imports from Angola, the Belgian Congo Government made an appeal to that country for additional supplies, and the Angola authorities have agreed to take steps to increase exports to the Congo. It remains to be seen, however, to what extent this will ease the serious food situation which exists, particularly in the lower Congo. Meanwhile, new sources of supply would be welcomed by the Government and the importers.



Belgian Congo—Entrance to the public market at Leopoldville. Built at a cost of five million francs, this is visited daily by 1,200 sellers and 10,000 buyers.

Information Service Photo

The price factor is very important, because the purchasing power of the Congo native is very low. Angola is naturally in a favourable position, due to its proximity to the ports at the mouth of the Congo River. The current price for Angola dried fish is in the neighbourhood of $4\cdot 5$ escudos per kilo (about $7\frac{1}{4}$ cents per pound) c.i.f. Matadi. The fish is usually packed in jute bales of 30 to 40 kilos and the freight is understood to be approximately $9\frac{3}{4}$ cents per 30 kilos (66 pounds).

Canary Islands fish have been shipped to the Belgian Congo, especially when there has been a shortage from Angola. The price of around 20 cents a pound is, however, much too high for the native trade. The same applies to dried snoek (pike) from South Africa, which can be delivered to Leopoldville for 12½ cents per pound.

Market for Canadians if Prices Low

Canadian dry salted codfish would be of considerable interest to the trade here, but it would have to be offered at prices c.i.f. Matadi approximating the same as those paid for Angola fish. Quotations above 10 cents a pound would probably be of little interest. Producers are invited to send c.i.f. quotations to the Canadian Trade Commissioner in Leopold-ville, for submission to the government authorities and the trade. Information as to quality and moisture content should also be provided.

Great Britain Makes Agreement With Australia for Purchase of Wheat

Eighty million bushels of current crop to be made available, of which nearly half will be delivered to British Colonies, Palestine and oil companies in Middle East.

By A. E. Bryan, Commercial Counsellor for Canada.

London, December 20, 1947.—Great Britain has completed an agreement with Australia for the purchase of 80,000,000 bushels of wheat during the next twelve months. Should the 1947-1948 harvest reach 210,000,000 bushels, an additional 5,000,000 bushels will be sold to the United Kingdom. The contract price for this wheat is seventeen shillings (Australian currency) per bushel, f.o.b. Australian ports. If Australia and Great Britain become parties to an International Wheat Agreement, the price of any wheat not yet shipped at the date on which such an agreement comes into force will be adjusted to conform with the prices prescribed in the agreement.

Little more than half of the wheat purchased from Australia will reach this country, for nearly half has been purchased for delivery to Aden. Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Ceylon, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Malayan Union, Mauritius, Palestine, Persian Gulf sheikdoms, Tripolitania and to oil companies in the Middle East. Nor will much of this wheat be available for delivery to the United Kingdom during the current crop year.

The Ministry of Food has indicated that, as a result of this agreement with Australia, the United Kingdom will avoid making any requests for wheat from the United States during the present crop year, which will save this country some £30,000,000 in United States dollars. It will also relieve the United States of the responsibility for directing any portion of its wheat crop to British Empire countries.

What to Export, Where to Export and How to Export are three basic questions confronting any firm entering the export trade. Success or failure depends on the consideration given to these questions and the care with which they are answered. (See our ABC of Canadian Export Trade, page 11.)

Inadequate Supply of Linseed Oil Hampers U.K. Linoleum Industry

Report of Working Party favourable—Essential demands of paint industry affects supply situation for linseed oil—New machinery required—Expansion of exports planned—Standardization of quality and design advocated.

By C. G. Venus, Office of the Commercial Counsellor for Canada

London, December 10, 1947.—Fourteen firms are engaged in the production of linoleum in Great Britain, but they had a combined output in 1938 valued at £6,700,000. The "working party", appointed by the British Board of Trade to investigate the condition of this industry and to recommend improvements, has indicated that it is being managed efficiently. For this reason, the report submitted by the "working party", unlike those pertaining to other industries, does not include any recommendations for the formation of a joint council to stimulate its development.

The main problem facing the industry is the shortage of linseed oil, and no definite information is available with respect to the probable level of supplies for some years ahead. The shortage is closely bound up with the world shortage of edible oils and fats, and the availability of linseed oil for linoleum is also affected by other essential demands such as those of the paint industry. Although it might be contended that, under present conditions, a return to private buying of linseed oil would be unwise, certain members of the "working party" feel that early resumption of prewar methods would be of great benefit to the industry generally.

Present Linseed Oil Allocation Considerably Below Prewar Consumption

The present allocation of linseed oil to the industry is at the rate of 10.140 tons a year as compared with a prewar annual consumption of 33,800 tons. The linoleum industry has now nearly completed its reorganization on a peacetime basis, and it is estimated that its present needs are at the rate of 25,000 tons a year. As production rises, it is expected that the industry will require 35,000 tons in 1947 and 44,000 tons in 1948. If these requirements are not met, a reduction in output and unemployment is inevitable.

Trend of Prices Has Been Upward

The prices paid by manufacturers for raw materials have risen 100 per cent to 550 per cent in ten years.

The "working party" examined the possibility of obtaining better terms by bulk buying of raw materials on behalf of the industry as a whole, but came to the conclusion that the quantities purchased in normal times by even the smallest firms are such that no further economies are likely to be obtained by purchases on a larger scale.

It is now taking about twice as long as in prewar days to obtain delivery of new machinery, and the report recommends that the Board of Trade and Ministry of Supply should take every step to ensure that the industry's requirements are met as speedily as possible.

Exports to be Increased

The value of British exports of linoleum, felt base and floorcloth, was somewhat lower for the period 1930-39 than in the previous decade, even when account is taken of the general fall in the wholesale price level. The main factors contributing towards this reduction were increases in tariffs and the imposition of import restrictions by foreign countries and expansion of domestic production overseas. Despite this, United Kingdom exports in 1938 accounted for about two-thirds of world exports of linoleum, felt base and floorcloth. The only markets that were lost in the years before the war, apart from markets in countries under German economic control, were China and Japan, and this was due to internal conditions in those countries.

As regards the future, it is considered that the industry should aim at eventually increasing its exports by more than the 75 per cent set

by the Government for industries as a whole.

The "working party" recommend that the industry should establish a Co-operative Overseas Marketing Organization, if and when this is called for by developments such as state trading in overseas markets.

Manufacturers should, it is considered, come to a voluntary agreement to keep down the number of qualities, designs and effects produced. The setting up of a Design Centre, in conjunction with such industries as carpets and wallpaper, is advocated. Prewar figures suggest that firms have not paid sufficient attention to the necessity for research.

Brazil Postpones Permanent Trade Fair

International exhibitions and fairs, which the Brazilian Government planned to inaugurate on a permanent basis last June, have been postponed until the early part of this year. It is proposed to hold these in the Quitandinha Hotel, at Petropolis, within a short distance of Rio de Janeiro. Seven displays, planned to maintain the continued interest of producers and commercial agents from all parts of the world, will be erected.



Netherlands—Coaster, christened on October 9, 1947, by V. L. Chapin, Acting Commercial Counsellor for Canada at The Hague, being launched at Groningen. The name Canada was adopted by the shipowners in commemoration of the sacrifices of Canadians engaged in the liberation of Holland.

Photo by Folkers

Canadian Exports, by Areas

Geographic Areas	December			Twelve Months ended December		
	1938	1946	1947	1938	1946	1947
British Countries	(Millions of Dollars)					
United Kingdom and EuropeAmerica	$ \begin{array}{c} 26 \cdot 1 \\ 2 \cdot 2 \\ 1 \cdot 0 \\ 0 \cdot 5 \\ 4 \cdot 7 \end{array} $ $ 34 \cdot 6 $	60·8 9·5 7·1 3·6 6·9	73·1 12·8 4·6 5·9 11·0	344·5 22·5 17·8 8·1 49·8	610·5 99·4 77·0 63·1 54·7	775.8 136.8 85.0 71.8 99.0
United States and PossessionsLatin America. EuropeOther Foreign	24·8 1·1 5·3 3·1	84·4 10·7 20·1 8·8	$106.5 \\ 12.2 \\ 34.7 \\ 5.5$	272·3 17·4 73·3 31·8	894·0 92·6 321·5 99·4	1,040·8 129·8 347·8 88·0
Total Foreign Countries	34.3	123.9	158-8	394.7	1,407.5	1,606-4
Total Domestic Exports	68.9	211.9	266-2	837-6	2,312.2	2,774.9

Canadian Exports, by Countries

Country		December	r		e Months December	
	1938	1946	1947	1938	1946	1947
British Countries		((Thousand	ls of Dolla	ırs)	
Europe: United Kingdom Eire. Gibraltar. Malta.	25,535 577 36	59,360 1,433	72,542 408 *144	339,689 4,439 7 403	597,506 7,956 334 4,671	751,198 17,598 252 6,705
Total Europe	26,148	60,849	73,094	344,538	610,467	775,753
America: Newfoundland. Bermuda. Barbados. Jamaica. Trinidad and Tobago. Bahamas. Leeward and Windward Islands. British Honduras. British Guiana. Falkland Islands.	792 159 118 404 434 152 23 134 1	3,647 511 461 1,655 1,731 951 35 553	6,743 512 828 1,203 1,516 372 813 23 719 37	8,403 1,414 1,077 4,442 3,714 } 1,778 280 1,398	38,229 3,805 6,205 15,500 19,140 8,341 1,110 7,109	55,085 5,108 9,063 18,214 26,354 3,688 7,592 1,375 10,273 39
Total America. Africa: Northern Rhodesia. Union of South Africa. Other British South Africa. Southern Rhodesia. Gambia. Gold Coast. Nigeria. Sierra Leone. Other British West Africa. British Sudan. British East Africa.	2,217 831 96	9,544 6,175 280 70 207 10 15 312	$ \begin{array}{c c} 12,766 \\ \hline & 14 \\ 3,377 \\ 341 \\ 8 \\ 162 \\ 173 \\ 21 \\ \hline & 1 \\ 523 \\ \end{array} $	22,507 15,547 1,074 20 184 81 192 210 676	68,633 3,284 63 871 1,021 410 	$ \begin{cases} 450, 791 \\ 66, 674 \\ 15 \\ 7, 369 \\ 66 \\ 1, 652 \\ 2, 285 \\ 811 \\ 1, 028 \\ 4, 682 \end{cases} $
Total Africa	1,043	7,069	4,620	17,984	77,012	85,034

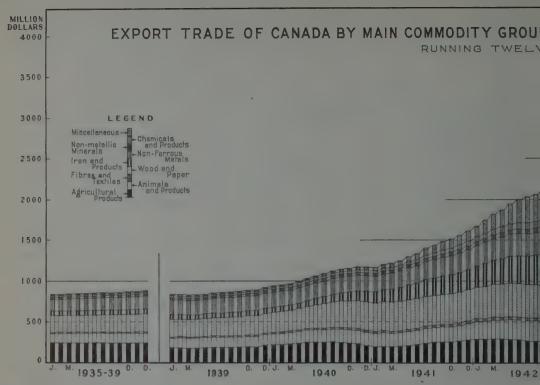
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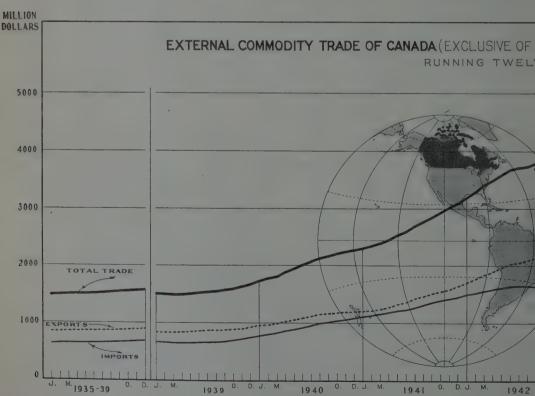
Country	December				e Months December	
	1938	1946	1947	1938	1946	1947
British Countries—Con.		(Thousand	s of Dolla	ırs)	
Asia: India Burma. Ceylon. Aden. British Malaya. Other British East Indies.	192 5 7 6 221	2,386 3 256 2 586	2,493 64 130 143 688	2,863 123 192 89 2,448	49,046 442 2,140 256 3,224 51	42,947 823 4,079 1,602 7,464
Hong KongPalestine	72 26	246 98	935 1,414	2,223 164	4,362 3,,562	6,398
Total Asia	529	3,578	5,867	8,107	63,083	71,795
Oceania: Australia New Zealand Fiji. Other Oceania	2,942 1,678 31 2	4,321 2,611 10 1	6,440 4,083 451 9	32,982 16,371 367 45	38, 194 16, 110 375 20	60,294 37,386 1,386 63
Total Oceania	4,653	6,943	10,983	49,765	54,699	99,129
Total British Countries	34,589	87,981	107,331	442,902	904,701	1,168,501
Foreign Countries						
United States and Possessions: United States Allaska American Virgin Islands Hawaii Puerto Rico	24,736 4 2 22 17	83,868 31 17 256 182	105,972 15,19 19 239 199	270,461 120 34 . 3 1,364 329	887,941 276 110 5 2,758 2,926	1,034,226 300 160 190 3,299 2,605
Total United States and Possessions	24,781	84,354	106,457	272,311	894,016	1,040,789
Latin America: Argentina Bolivia Brazil Chile Colombia Costa Rica Cuba Eccuelle Guatemala Hutt Honduras Mexico Nicaragua Panama Paraguay Peru Salvador San Domingo Uruguay Venezuela	172 16 214 53 191	1,751 47 2,924 314 1,299 33 430 62 84 81 1,295 23 142 2 195 14 294 418 1,194	2,450 50 4,137 282 1,008 88 779 141 120 61 13 891 66 129 6 230 53 128 508	4,675 117 3,522 604 1,270 99 1,186 52 120 170 2,340 75 304 11 892 47 296 216 1,256	14,039 529 24,602 3,565 8,930 873 5,270 928 1,121 624 10,536 3,666 1,502 85 3,080 454 1,541 2,671 11,086	31,697 31,660 4,392 9,950 1,780 7,502 1,620 1,630 1,300
Total Latim America	1,100	10,680	12,186	17,372	92,603	129,771
Europe: Albania. Austria. Belgium Ruleasia Czechoslovakia Denmark Estonia Finland France	718 20 161 5 923	2,608 98 313 81 6,519	12 798 5,304 1,296 306 97 10,808	8 8 9,555 9 3,164 1,527 2 482 9,152	122 3,679 63,626 9,871 1,527 507 74,380	505 3,070 52,749 14 13,779 4,328

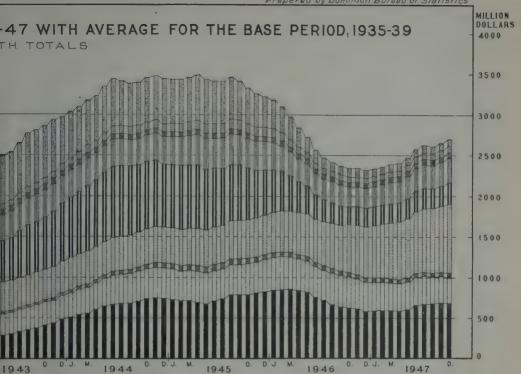
Canadian Exports, by Countries-Concluded

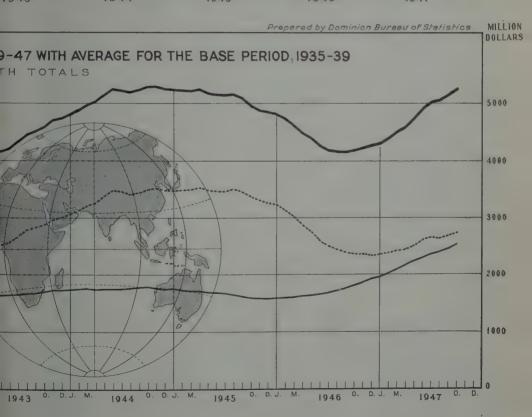
Country	December			Twelve Months ended December		
	1938	1946	1947	1938	1946	1947
Foreign Countries—Con.	,		(Thousand	ls of Doll	ars)	
Europe—Con.]	1		1
Germany Greece	1,513	237 280	680 574	18,261 1,565	6,867 9,738	6,690
Hungary	1		37	4	1,063	5,440
Iceland Italy	172	181	187	1 745	3,123	2,485
Latvia	42	1,528	5,705	1,745 276	20,387	35,688
Latvia Lithuania Netherlands	18	0.100	0 210	912	00.000	
Norway.	482 380	3,132 1,600	3,513 911	10,267 7,854	33,883 19,267	55,940 20,320
Poland	43	502	769	1,035	22,501	15,380
Azores and Madeira	9	92 4	92 43	135	2,662	3,502 392
Roumania	3	T		. 42		103
Soviet Union	56 1	408	38	937	17,705	4,866
Sweden	703	84 604	32 1,609	101 5,411	695 9,133	941 17,461
Switzerland	45	1,843	1,696	736	8,636	14,196
Yugoslavia	2	1	198	12	12,030	6,729
Total Europe	5,299	20,115	34,705	73,219	321,483	347,794
Other Foreign Countries:						
Abyssinia		9	6		30	94
Belgian Congo	14	56	117	106	1,201	1,292
China	452	2,218	2,004	2,885	42,915	34,984 128
Greenland Egypt	56	2,256	737	396	15,086	10,922
French Africa French East Indies.	271	104	233	804	8,945	4,598
French East Indies	1	18 4	146 23	28	269 180	858 264
French Oceania	6	38	20	80	121	230
French West Indies	19 1	128 54	85 86	172	1,278 263	1,743
MadagascarSt. Pierre and Miquelon	23	41	83	270	784	1,158
Iraq	2	60	57	40	3,231	2,160
Tripoli. Other Italian Africa					3	5
Japan	1,861		42	20,770	1,027	559
KoreaLiberia	1	126	10	20	126 67	30 144
Morocco. Netherlands East Indies	4	19	101	97	1,169	1,447
Netherlands East Indies Netherlands Guiana	151	860 20	381 49	902	6,833	5,807 826
Netherlands West Indies	12	108	195	204	1,399	1,844
Iran	157	16 1,844	27 541	80 1,465	431 8,901	946
Philippine Islands	76	561	104	1,395	2,128	1,898
Portuguese Asia		10	3	1	76	147
Siam Canary Islands		10		20 3	58 333	415
Spanish Africa			100		000	62
Syria. Turkey.	5	25 194	136 280	64 1,916	228 1,618	2,546 2,229
Total Other Foreign	3,119	8,770	5,476	31,772	99,411	88,049
Total Foreign Countries.	34,299	123,921	158,825	394,681		1,606,401
Total Domestic Exports	68,888	211,902	266, 156			2,774,902

The expert services of Freight Forwarding Agents are to be recommended to firms unfamiliar with requirements under the listed headings. (See our ABC of Canadian Export Trade, page 19.)









Canadian Exports, by Commodities

Commodity	December				e Months December	
	1938	1946	1947	1938	1946	1947
			(Millions	of Dollar	s)	
Agricultural, Vegetable Products Animals and Animal Products Fibres, Textiles and Products Wood, Wood Products and Paper Iron and Products Non-Ferrous Metals and Products Non-Metallic Minerals, Products Chemicals and Allied Products Miscellaneous Commodities	$ \begin{array}{c} 18 \cdot 1 \\ 10 \cdot 5 \\ 0 \cdot 9 \\ 17 \cdot 8 \\ 4 \cdot 3 \\ 12 \cdot 5 \\ 2 \cdot 2 \\ 1 \cdot 4 \\ 1 \cdot 2 \end{array} $	$57 \cdot 0$ $30 \cdot 5$ $3 \cdot 9$ $61 \cdot 8$ $16 \cdot 7$ $24 \cdot 2$ $5 \cdot 7$ $5 \cdot 6$ $6 \cdot 4$	$\begin{array}{c} \cdot & 66 \cdot 0 \\ 37 \cdot 0 \\ 4 \cdot 0 \\ 85 \cdot 8 \\ 23 \cdot 1 \\ 26 \cdot 0 \\ 6 \cdot 7 \\ 7 \cdot 2 \\ 10 \cdot 3 \end{array}$	190.9 118.1 13.1 211.6 60.1 179.7 25.0 -19.5 19.6	578·5 358·5 53·8 625·6 227·5 247·8 57·4 67·6 95·7	$\begin{array}{c} 683 \cdot 7 \\ 331 \cdot 4 \\ 49 \cdot 3 \\ 886 \cdot 2 \\ 273 \cdot 2 \\ 303 \cdot 9 \\ 74 \cdot 6 \\ 83 \cdot 8 \\ 88 \cdot 7 \end{array}$
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS	68.9	211.9	266 · 2	837 · 6	2312 · 2	2774 · 9
Agricultural, Vegetable Products:		(Thousand	s of Dolla	rs)	
Fruits Vegetables Wheat Grains, other Flour of wheat Farinaceous products, other Sugar and products Alcoholic beverages Vegetable fats and oils Rubber and products Seeds Tobacco Vegetable products, other	1,635 656 9,048 846 1,158 998 73 1,299 10 1,150 581 381 218	2,964 1,228 24,231 9,455 7,250 1,341 464 2,767 451 2,407 1,937 1,159 1,369	895 1,613 24,368 14,247 11,367 2,557 296 2,009 2,009 544 3,270 2,695 337 1,761	13,085 6,504 89,394 12,892 17,638 11,976 2,015 10,942 162 14,905 3,011 5,501 2,871	15,124 13,754 250,306 44,724 126,733 18,971 4,120 36,296 5,346 22,477 13,228 6,446 20,963	14,890 17,557 265,200 49,103 196,578 18,750 28,478 6,497 33,125 16,693 14,157 15,018
Total	18,052	57,023	65,960	190,897	578,488	683,697
Animals and Animal Products: Cattle. Other animals, living. Fish and fishery products. Furs and products Leather and products. Bacon and hams. Meats, other. Cheese. Milk products, other Eggs, shell and processed. Animal products, other.	621 108 2,215 2,207 487 2,158 543 1,090 192 32 877	1,205 175 5,665 2,266 1,121 8,208 7,883 1,302 1,302 1,261 697	1,423 956 7,496 6,644 1,738 8,191 4,983 880 1,035 2,610 1,133	9,232 1,409 26,530 14,097 5,648 30,906 5,403 11,874 4,346 498 8,193	18,015 5,184 86,486 32,291 16,938 66,389 62,547 21,948 12,975 26,772 8,928	14,980 5,034 82,359 29,048 20,318 62,081 40,776 14,162 15,538 36,968 10,181
Total	10,531	30,531	37,098	118,136	358,473	331,445
Fibres, Textiles and Products: Cotton Flax, hemp and jute products Wool and products Artificial silk and products. Textile products, other	226 22 84 219 383	1,140 67 486 973 1,250	1,296 63 722 762 1,159	2,615 103 1,326 2,270 6,741	10,551 2,449 18,945 8,293 13,522	11,238 1,115 8,863 11,761 16,332
Total	933	3,916	4,003	13,055	53,760	49,347
Wood, Wood Products and Paper: Planks and boards Pulpwood Unmanufactured wood, other Wood pulp Manufactured wood, other Newsprint paper Paper, other Books and printed matter	3,299 520 1,648 2,335 189 9,050 655 65	14,924 1,344 5,848 10,224 760 25,697 2,523 487	22,101 3,914 8,635 17,006 779 30,296 2,680 435	35,887 13,642 17,641 27,731 2,889 104,615 8,258 950	125,391 28,731 55,763 114,021 7,971 275,875 21,573 6,276	208,375 34,529 78,950 177,803 7,963 342,293 30,840 5,439
Total	17,760	61,808	85,847	211,613	625,591	886,192
Iron and Products: Iron ore	251 20 85	1,119 181 861	1,533 141 1,537	1 1,306 2,566 4,769	4,353 9,485 3,328 7,528	6,023 21,545 4,080 10,935

Commodity	1	December	.	Twelve Months ended December		
	1938	1946	1947	1938	1946	1947
Town and Brades de C		(Thousand	s of Dolla	ırs)	
Iron and Products—Con. Locomotive and parts Farm machinery and implements. Hardware and cutlery. Machinery (except farm). Automobiles, freight. Automobiles, passenger. Automobile parts. Railway cars and parts. Iron products, other.	1 199 203 692 468 1,533 215 3 662	3,082 1,787 390 1,859 2,517 1,715 1,463 281 1,471	403 4,230 512 4,002 1,997 3,292 2,206 223 3,016	241 7,790 2,239 9,783 6,924 14,311 2,679 159 6,371	26,981 28,662 4,176 15,535 43,201 13,993 21,110 26,342 22,779	15,672 42,238 5,693 41,022 37,918 33,579 20,142 3,368 30,941
Total	4,333	17,628	23,092	60,139	227,473	273,156
Non-ferrous Metals and Products: Aluminium and products. Brass and products. Copper and products. Lead and products. Nickel Precious metals, except gold. Zinc and products. Electrical apparatus, n.o.p. Non-ferrous products, other.	1,897 96 4,497 784 2,781 1,027 834 264 290	4,068 207 5,447 1,525 4,639 1,809 4,177 1,477 833	4,182 618 7,081 2,727 4,389 1,775 2,602 1,307 1,272	23,744 1,089 53,315 8,983 52,496 22,955 9,816 4,114 3,152	56,030 3,373 37,005 16,846 55,205 21,469 27,769 20,939 9,174	63,956 3,875 59,298 30,945 60,443 22,581 30,193 19,135 13,512
Total	12,470	24,182	25,953	179,664	247,180	303,937
Non-Metallic Minerals, Products: Asbestos and products	1,349 111 131 194 403	2,345 755 495 1,191 875	3,185 869 765 974 950	13,317 1,541 878 3,774 5,504	24,481 5,946 4,622 11,727 10,585	32,969 5,621 6,884 13,110 16,030
Total	2,189	5,661	6,744	25,013	57,361	74,614
Chemicals and Allied Products: Acids Medicinal preparations Fertilizers. Paints and varnishes. Calcium compounds Soda and sodium compounds Chemical products, other.	119 132 449 71 39 217 407	213 387 2,383 458 137 409 1,733	257 449 3,459 572 153 341 1,932	1,354 1,566 7,066 910 488 4,000 4,111	2,060 5,343 32,108 4,407 2,813 4,414 16,444	3,713 4,400 34,386 7,346 2,202 5,232 26,526
Total	1,434	5,620	7,163	19,496	67,589	83,804
Miscellaneous ('ommodities: Toys and sporting goods. Films. Ships and vessels. Aircraft and parts Electrical energy. Miscellaneous consumer goods. Miscellaneous other. Donations and gifts. Non-commercial articles.	29 219 18 24 351 195 197	191 148 580 1,361 415 1,275 651 950 863	81 449 4,883 426 361 513 1,314 1,610 1,116	526 3,527 218 2,799 4,183 2,133 3,630 2,556	1,802 2,510 17,856 9,507 7,070 9,121 7,519 30,163 10,124	1,889 3,305 23,965 5,900 5,611 11,039 14,852 10,627
Total	1,185	6,433	10,303	19,571	95,672	88,71

Canadian Toy Fair Planned for March

The Eighth Annual Canadian Toy Fair will be held in Montreal from March 22 to March 25 under the sponsorship of the Canadian Playthings Manufacturers Association. Upwards of one hundred firms exhibited at last year's fair, and displays from Great Britain, the British West Indies, South Africa, Sweden, Central and South America have been included since this annual event was inaugurated in 1941.

German Coal and Steel Production Shows Increase at End of 1947

October-November figures indicate output of coal 50 per cent higher than last year, and increase in steel production—Many other industries show rise, but vehicle, machinery and chemical manufactures low.

By D. W. Jackson, Canadian Economic Representative

RANKFURT, December 10, 1947.—Prospects for substantial industrial revival in the combined U.S./U.K. zones improved considerably during October, as a result of sharp advances in the two key industries—coal and steel. In the case of coal, the average daily gross clean output of hard coal in the Aachen area rose only moderately in the month as a whole, advancing from 241,200 tons in September to 243,900 tons in October. However, the real progress achieved was considerably greater. At the beginning of October, the daily rate of output was only 238,000 tons, but about the middle of the month, production started rising steadily, and by October 31 it reached 258,000 tons, an increase of 8 per cent. Moreover, a further increase of more than 20,000 tons daily was achieved during the first two weeks of November, and by the middle of November output had crossed the 280,000-ton mark. This represented an advance of more than 15 per cent in four weeks, and of nearly 50 per cent as compared with the rate of output a year earlier.

Contributing to this increase were the new incentive program, continued additions to the mine labour force, and the change in the weather, which has greatly reduced absenteeism. The importance of the advance should be measured not only in terms of the increased availability of fuel for bizonal industry, but also in terms of availability of more coal for export and consequently a significantly greater contribution toward the rehabilitation of Western Europe.

Iron and Steel Production Improving

Iron and steel production also improved sharply. Output of crude steel in the bizonal area rose from 271,000 tons in September to 311,000 tons in October, an increase of about 15 per cent. Increases of about the same magnitude were reported for pig iron, castings, and rolling mill products. Since June, 1947, output of steel ingot has expanded by 40 per cent. The October rate of output is in excess of 3.7 million tons annually, which is still, however, only about 30 per cent of the annual production permitted under the new Bizonal Level of Industry Plan.

The problem of providing sufficient transport to meet the increased production remains critical. Despite intensive efforts to increase the freight car pool, it has not proved possible to move the coal as fast as it is being mined. From October 5 to November 9, hard coal stockpiled at the mines rose almost 400,000 tons. However, this increase in stocks is less than the rise in output. The reopening of the Rhine waterways, as heavy rains relieved the prolonged drought, should improve the situation. Intensive effort is being devoted to accelerating the car-repair program, but it is evident that the transport problem will remain critical for many months.

The fundamental improvement in underlying conditions was not reflected during October in a corresponding increase in the general level of industrial production in the United States zone. The general index rose only slightly, from 48 to 49 per cent of the 1936 average. This lag was due chiefly to the fact that it takes some time for the increased output of coal and steel to become available to manufacturing industry. In addition, the effect of the prolonged drought in reducing hydro-electric output had created an acute power shortage and curtailed operation in many plants.

Output of Vehicles, Machinery and Chemicals Low

In particular, these adverse conditions prevailing during the month resulted in sharp reductions in the output of vehicles, machinery, and chemicals. Production of trucks, three tons and under, dropped from 644 in September to 481 in October in the Southern Laender of the Bizonal Area, while in the Northern Laender, output dropped from 350 to 310. Production of automobiles declined in both areas, while output of both agricultural and construction machinery in the United States Zone dropped sharply.

The decline in the output of chemicals was in large part a direct reflection of the shortage of electric power. Output of calcium carbide in the United States Zone dropped from 7,500 tons in September to 4.200 tons in October, and production of caustic soda was affected, though not to the same extent. Although output of numerous individual chemicals such as sulphuric acid, soap and dyestuffs increased, chemical production generally in the United States Zone declined about 13 per cent during the month.

Smaller declines ranging between 5 to 10 per cent were reported for ceramics, glass, saw mills and wood-making. The decline in lumber was, again, due to the power shortage.

With the above exceptions, output of all other industry groups in the United States Zone increased during October. In most cases the advances were narrow, and the only group to increase more than 10 per cent was iron and steel, in which output rose to a new high for the occupation. Other industries in the United States Zone, which reached new peaks, included mining, textiles and paper and pulp. In the case of mining, a narrow advance raised production to 99 per cent of prewar. Textiles increased slightly under 10 per cent, raising the index to 46 per cent of 1936, and paper and pulp rose by eight per cent to an index of 39. Output also expanded in electrical equipment, precision instruments and optics, stones and earth, rubber products, and leather industries.

Food Supply Still Big Problem

Viewed in broad perspective, the outlook for further recovery in both the United States Zone and the Combined U.S./U.K. Zones shows definite improvement, as a result of the expansion of coal and steel output, and the end of the prolonged drought which affected both electric power and inland water transport. The trend during the immediate future, of course, will depend to a considerable extent on the rehabilitation rate of rail transport, and on the severity of the winter. From the longer range point of view, the basic problems of restoring normal economic incentives and providing sufficient food for the population remain to be solved.

Great Britain Arranging Trade Talks With Eight Continental Countries

Discussions with Belgium, Denmark, Italy, the Netherlands and Switzerland this month, and with France in February—Increased imports of Danish bacon and dairy products planned—United Kingdom has large unfavourable trade balance with Italy.

By A. E. Bryan, Commercial Counsellor for Canada

LONDON, January 3, 1948.—Trade talks between Great Britain and a number of European countries have been arranged in an effort to solve some of the existing problems and to establish closer commercial relations. Negotiations are scheduled for January with Belgium, Denmark, Italy, the Netherlands and Switzerland, for February with France and at

a later date with Rumania and Yugoslavia.

Negotiations with Belgium are a continuation of those in London before Christmas. The Belgians were supplied with a list of British requirements, the principal item being steel from Belgium and Luxembourg. It is also necessary that Belgium increase her imports from Great Britain and other countries in the sterling area, thereby absorbing more of the sterling that Belgium has accumulated. The visible trade balance between Great Britain and Belgium and the Belgian Congo for the first ten months of 1947 amounts to £2,500,000 in favour of Belgium.

A delegation from Denmark is due in London tomorrow, when discussions on bacon and other dairy products will be resumed. Efforts were previously made to arrange for bulk purchases of Danish bacon, but these failed through the inability of Britain to pay the high prices quoted. According to information from Copenhagen, the Danish delegation will ask "world market" prices for the butter and bacon, which are claimed to be about 7s, per kilo for butter (about 65 cents a pound) and 4s. 6d. per kilo for bacon (42 cents a pound), in the event of Great Britain demanding a "world market" price for British coal.

Convertibility of Sterling Sought

The delegation, it is reported, will also ask for convertibility of sterling during 1948 to an amount equalling \$50,000,000 (£12,500,000), together with guarantees that Britain will deliver stipulated quantities of coal, iron, steel and feeding-stuffs.

If the two countries can reach an agreement on the prices to be paid for Danish food, it is believed the Danes will resume their purchases of British textiles and other manufactured goods. These were much lower during the first ten months of 1947 than in the corresponding period of 1946.

Millions of additional Danish eggs will be supplied to the United Kingdom, with the supply guaranteed until 1950, as a result of an agreement announced recently by the Ministry of Food. The two governments agreed to a new protocol, replacing that of July 31, 1946, regulating the trade in eggs. Prices for the 1947-1948 and 1948-1949 seasons will be increased to 26s, per long hundred. Quantities for both seasons will remain at 85 per cent of the total exportable surplus. The period is to be extended to the 1949-1950 season, with a guaranteed minimum price of 20s, per long hundred for the average shipments of the preceding two seasons, plus 50 per cent.

Danish authorities may demand a review of prices for the 1948-1949 season and, failing any agreement, will send 50 per cent of their exportable

surplus at 26s. per long hundred.

Financial and trade questions will be discussed with a Swiss delegation, which is due in London about January 15. Although the balance of trade between Great Britain and Switzerland was in favour of this country to the extent of £10,000.000 for the first ten months of 1947, it is understood that Switzerland has a favourable trade balance with countries in the sterling area. A settlement will involve a drain on the gold reserves of the sterling area.

Unfavourable Trade Balance with Italy

Methods of liquidating Great Britain's large unfavourable balance of trade with Italy will be the subject of discussion at the meeting on January 12 of the Anglo-Italian Economic Committee. British imports from Italy during the first ten months of 1947 were valued at £23.500.000, whereas British exports to Italy were valued at less than £8,000,000. It is suggested that Italy increase her purchases of non-essential goods from Britain as a solution to this situation.

Trade talks between officials of Great Britain and the Netherlands will not be resumed until the end of January. It is understood that financial questions, outstanding since the war, will also be discussed.

Trade Talks with France in February

Discussions of a commercial character will take place in Paris during the early part of February, when the next meeting of the Anglo-French Joint Economic Committee is scheduled. Great Britain hopes to increase her exports to France, and consideration will also be given to means of changing the character of French exports to this country.

Trade between the United Kingdom and metropolitan France showed a balance of nearly £3,000 000 in favour of France for the first eight months of 1947. According to British Board of Trade estimates, this unfavourable balance is expected to be approximately £6,500.000 by the end of 1947. The British Government hopes to redress this balance next year by increasing British exports, rather than by reducing British imports from France.

It is understood that France has already undertaken to take large quantities of British-made machinery and has under consideration an increase in her purchases of consumer goods. British officials attach some importance to the latter, as it is desired to export more British luxury and semi-luxury goods to France. Britain expects to obtain a larger proportion of available essentials, such as pit props, timber and steel. The French have also indicated that they will increase, if possible, their shipments of certain standard foodstuffs, such as cheese and fresh fruit.

Australia Seeks Cattle and Sheep from Canada

Although Australia is assisting importers of pedigree breeding stock from Canada, Great Britain and the United States, as indicated in a report from Sydney appearing in the January 17th issue of Foreign Trade, subsidies applicable to livestock from Canada are limited to payments for cattle and sheep brought into the Commonwealth. These amount to £100 per head for cattle and £40 per head for sheep, as set forth in the report.

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Zinc Temporarily Duty Free in Argentina

Buenos Aires, January 7, 1948.—(FTS)—Under an Argentine decree of Deceember 30, 1947, zinc in ingots or bars, used exclusively for making zinc oxide, is admitted free of duty into Argentina for a period of six months. The total amount that may be imported within this period is 900 metric tons. This increase was adopted to maintain the supply of zinc oxide required for the Argentine paint-making industry.

Benelux Countries Suspend Import Duties

Brussels, January 4, 1948.—(FTS)—The Belgian Minister of External Commerce has released a list of Benelux tariff items on which the three Benelux countries (Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembour) had agreed to the suspension or reduction of the duties for a period of one year from January 1, 1948. This action is taken to resist further rises in the cost of living, to facilitate industrial requirements, and to carry out existing engagements with Switzerland.

Included in the list of items on which the duty has been suspended, of special interest to Canada, are: Fresh meat; canned meats; meat, salted, dried or smoked; cheese; eggs; honey; fresh apples; dried apples; wheat flour; rolled oats; linseed oil; sardines; canned salmon; infant's or invalid's food; wood simply sawn lengthwise; veneering sheets; plywood; box shooks; bags or sacks for packing; steam engines without boilers; bicycle parts; and machine tools.

Included in the list of items on which the duty is reduced are:

	Present duty	Reduced duty
Automobile tires and tubes	24% ad val.	18% ad val.
Newsprint		6% ad val.
Felted cardboard and felted paper		6% ad val.
Cotton fabrics, not figured, unbleached		8% ad val.
Cotton fabrics, figured, bleached, dyed or printed		10% ad val.
Wool blankets		12% ad val.
Jute fabrics		10% ad val.
Slippers and house footwear		15% ad val.
Leather footwear		
Footwear of rubber	24% ad val.	15% ad val.

The complete list of suspended and reduced goods is available in the Foreign Tariffs Section of the Commercial Relations Division.

(Editor's Note—See Foreign Trade for January 17, 1948, for a general review of the new Benelux customs tariff.)

British Guiana Allows Certain Imports

Port-of-Spain, December 16, 1947.—Effective today, licences will be issued for the importation into British Guiana from hard-currency countries, including Canada, of drugs, chemicals, patent medicines, toilet preparations and photographic equipment on the following basis:

Quotas the same as in 1946—drugs, chemicals and essential oils; surgical dressings; surgical appliances, supports and medical equipment; rubber druggists' sundries; disinfectants; baby foods; medicinal food preparations and diabetic foods; toilet soaps; and sanitary napkins and belts;

Seventy-five per cent of 1946 quotas—face powders; talcum powders; cold and vanishing creams; deodorant creams and powders; tooth-paste and powders:

Sixty-two and two-third per cent of 1946 quotas—tooth, hair and shaving brushes;

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Fifty per cent of 1946 quotas—insecticides; flavouring essences; flavours and colours;

Twenty-five per cent of 1946 quotas—patent and proprietary medicines:

Reasonable quantities—chemical apparatus-appliances; glassware and other requisites for recognized laboratories; medicinal bottles; corks and cartons; medical and pharmaceutical books; photo films and paper;

For professional use-photographic cameras and other photographic

appliances, excluding chemicals, films and paper.

The following items are prohibited importation: medicinal glassware; perfumes; toilet waters; bay rum; colognes; lavender water; brilliantine; hair fixatives; hair tonics; hair shampoos; hair dyes; eyebrow pencils; face creams (except cold, vanishing and deodorant creams); cuticle and nail polish remover; lipstick; rouge and nail polish.

New Patent and Trade Mark Fees in the Belgian Congo

Leopoldville, December 5, 1947.—(FTS)—Reflecting in part the general rise in prices, the Government of the Belgian Congo has increased considerably the fees applicable to the issuance of patents and the registration of trade marks and industrial designs in this Colony. Effective October 1, 1947, these charges are as follows:

1. (a) For the registration of an industrial design or model for a period of—

One year
Three years
Five years
In perpetuity
(b) For each transfer of the above
(c) For the registration of a Trade Mark
(d) For each transfer of the above
(e) For each transfer of the above
(f) For each transfer of the above

All of these fees are double those previously in effect, with the exception of item 2 (b), which was 150 frames.

Costa Rica Introduces New Exchange Controls

Guatemala City, December 23, 1947.—(FTS)—Lack of sufficient exchange to meet payment for Costa Rica's imports through official channels has led to the introduction of further exchange restrictions. Under a decree of December 19, 1947, the Exchange Control Board may not grant import licences unless the interested party previously deposits in a bank, for subsequent transfer to a special account in the Issue Department of the National Bank of Costa Rica, the following amounts: 20 per cent of the value of first category goods; 40 per cent of the value of second category goods; and 60 per cent of the value of third category goods. The value on which the deposit is calculated is the cost of the goods, plus freight and expenses. The Control Board will not accept applications for amounts larger than the value of registered orders and, if the amount requested is less than that registered, the difference in the deposit will be returned. Provision is made for withdrawal of the deposit if the order is cancelled or if the importer waives his claim to the exchange applied for. The deposit is withdrawn also at the time the exchange applied for is granted. Deposits pertaining to orders carried out through letters of credit are withdrawn simultaneously with the authorization granted by the Control Board to open the corresponding letter of credit.

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Persons having registered their orders prior to the date of this decree, and who had not applied for exchange by that date, are required to make a deposit under the same conditions as those registering new orders. At the moment, goods to the value of 18 million colones are outstanding for payment through the Control Board on which deposits will now have to be made in cases where exchange has not been applied for. In the circumstances, cancellation of part of these orders may be expected and Canadian exporters would be well advised to request confirmation of any unexecuted orders.

Many small firms dealing almost exclusively in unnecessary commodities (i.e. third category goods), of which Costa Rica has large stocks, will not be in a position to do very much business, and only the larger firms which are financially sound will be able to import the articles urgently required for the Costa Rican market.

Recently, payments for the import of goods coming within the first category have been delayed for as long as seven months, and for those in the second and third categories delays have been from nine months to a year, or even longer. Some importers possessing funds in United States banks have been drawing on these reserves to meet their drafts. Some others have been obliged to purchase their dollars on the free market at a premium of anything up to 16 per cent over the official rate of exchange.

Costa Rica's coffee crop is good, and the prices obtained are higher than for many years past. This condition, providing that imports of luxury goods are curtailed, will go a long way towards improving the situation.

Licences Required for Commercial Travellers in Grenada

Port-of-Spain, December 16, 1947.—A Grenada ordinance, dated November 5, 1947, provides that persons desiring to carry on business as commercial travellers in the Colony shall obtain a licence from the Treasurer, for which a fee of £5 per annum shall be paid.

"Commercial traveller" includes any person, partnership, firm or company (whether incorporated or not) engaged in the business of soliciting orders for goods, or of importing goods of any kind on a commission basis, to be sold locally.

Import Licences for Exhibits at Milan Trade Fair

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Trade has arranged for goods being exhibited at the International Fair in Milan, from April 12 to April 27, 1948, to be forwarded to its office in Milan from various customs houses by means of a bill of security (bolletta di cauzione). This office will grant temporary import licences in accordance with customs and finance regulations.

The Ministry will consider applications to transform temporary imports, sold at the fair, into permanent imports. Special facilities will be granted for those commodities imported from countries that have undertaken to grant similar facilities to Italian commodities exhibited at international fairs in their respective countries.

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Jamaica Announces Import Quotas for Textiles and Clothing

Kingston, Jamaica, December 23, 1947—(FTS)—The Jamaica Imports. Exports and Prices Board has announced that, effective January 1, 1948, quotas will be established for importations of textiles, footwear, ready-to-wear garments, and haberdashery, from the United States, Canada, and other non-scheduled areas. (Scheduled areas are the United Kingdom, British Colonies, and war-shattered countries). Separate quota allocations will be made for each category of goods.

Quota allocations will be awarded in dollars, and will be calculated on the wartime basis corrected by reference to the distribution of supplies to individual traders during the calendar year 1946. However, a percentage of the total dollar allotment will be reserved for allocation to new traders.

With respect to textiles and footwear, all of the goods to which the notice refers, which are received in Jamaica after December 31, 1947, will be written off against the 1948 quota allocations, notwithstanding the existence of valid import licences in respect of such goods.

It is not the intention that the importation of any kind of clothing which local manufacturers are able to supply should be permitted. The importation of ready-made suits and dresses is prohibited.

Nicaraguan Import Licensing Requirements

Guatemala City, December 23, 1947.—(FTS)—The Nicaraguan department in charge of import licences will issue a licence only on the basis of 90-day sight draft, or 90 days from date of invoice. It is very much doubted whether the situation in Nicaragua will improve before the middle of 1948, and there is little possibility of orders being placed with Canadian firms unless the exporters will ship under these conditions. The political situation in Nicaragua remains tense and may deteriorate still further in the near future.

Southern Rhodesia Announces Revised Import Control Policy

Johannesburg, December 30, 1947.—(FTS)—The Department of Commerce and Industries of Southern Rhodesia on December 20, 1947, published a notice listing articles for which permits will not in any circumstances be granted for imports from specified countries. These countries include Canada, Newfoundland, the United States and its territories, the Philippine Islands, and sixteen Latin American countries.

The prohibition applies to all importations whether by established firms or by private individuals, and includes such goods received by parcel or packet post, as well as by rail or air freight. No exception, it is stated, will be made, and all such goods received within the Colony after January 12, 1948, will become liable to confiscation, irrespective of whether the consignment represents a gift or not.

The list specifies some 200 items and extends to a very wide range of goods, including, among others, aeroplanes, beer, cocks and valves, china and porcelain insulators, colours ground in oil, cardboard boxes and cups, all fish, furniture, fancy goods, footwear, outer garments, hosiery, lampware, condensed milk, oatmeal, paper bags, perfumery and toilet preparations, rayon piece-goods, refrigerators (except commercial), sporting goods, underwear, vacuum cleaners, wireless sets, and washing machines.

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Appended to the notice is a list of parts and accessories normally imported for the motor trade, for which permits will be refused for imports manufactured in "specified countries".

As regards licensing of imports from specified countries of goods not on the prohibited list, a scheme has been introduced for the allocation of available dollars to the various classes of goods which are considered essential, based on a balance of only some \$4,400,000 being available for such imports until the end of June, 1948.

Trade Commissioners on Tour

C ANADIAN Trade Commissioners return periodically from their posts in foreign lands to familiarize themselves with conditions in this country and the special requirements of the commercial community. They are in a position to furnish information concerning markets in their respective territories and possible sources of supply. Exporters and importers are urged to communicate with these officers, when in their vicinity, with a view to establishing connections that will assist in the promotion of their particular commercial interests, now and in the future. Arrangements for interviews with these trade commissioners should be made directly through the following offices in the areas concerned:

Ottawa—Foreign Trade Service, Department of Trade and Commerce Belleville—Chamber of Commerce. Gananogue—Chamber of Commerce. Kingston—Chamber of Commerce.
Montreal—Montreal Board of Trade.

Pembroke-Chamber of Commerce. Renfrew—Board of Trade.
Toronto—Can. Manufacturers' Association.

W. G. Stark, former Commercial Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Lima, Peru, continued his Canadian tour in Edmonton on November 14. During the course of the next few months he will discuss trade of Peru and Ecuador with businessmen across the country.

W. G. Stark

(Former Commercial Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Lima)

Toronto-January 10-28. Belleville and Batawa—January 29. Kingston—January 30. Gananoque-January 31.

Montreal-February 2-7. Pembroke—March 4. Renfrew—March 5.

Foreign Trade Enquiries

Canadian firms interested in any enquiries listed in this section are requested to communicate directly with the companies or individuals concerned. As far as can be ascertained, they are in good standing, though the Foreign Trade Service cannot assume responsibility for business transactions undertaken with them. A copy of the initial reply from the enquirer should be forwarded to the Department of Trade and Commerce for follow-up purposes. Confidential information concerning the financial status of enquiries may be secured from this Department by bona fide Canadian manufacturers and exporters. In writing this Department in connection with enquiries, the name of the enquirer, file number of the enquiry and the date of issue of Foreign Trade in which it was shown should be supplied.

76. Italy—Messrs S.A.C.E.S.I.E., Via Eustachi 31, Milano, wish to act as agents for any Canadian firms exporting to Italy. The company in question is satisfactorily rated and is interested in all kinds of products, whether raw materials or manufactures. File: 24246.



Ocean-Going Sailing Schedules

Information contained in the following list of sailings, such as destination, port of departure, loading date, name of ship and operator, is furnished by steamship companies and agents concerned. This is the latest available and subject to change after Foreign Trade has gone to press, particularly as this relates to the loading date and name of vessel. All ships are not as yet under the complete control of operators, and one or other may have to be withdrawn to fulfil a government demand for space. A substitute ship is normally provided, and the operator will immediately notify shippers of any change in the date of departure. If no substitute is available, operators will advise shippers of an alternative sailing by another line.

The loading date and name of ship are not indicated in some instances, due to the fact that on certain routes information available is not sufficiently definite to mention the steamer that will be placed on a berth for the destination shown. The name of the probable operator is given, however, and exporters should seek further particulars from the operator or agent indicated.

Departures from Halifax

*Sails from Saint John about three days earlier.

(r) Indicates refrigerated cargo space.

Destination	Loading Date	Vessel	Operator or Agent	
Africa-East— Lourenço Marques Lourenço Marques Lourenço Marques	January 25 February 15-20 March 15-20	Cumberland County Hants County Yarmouth County	March Shipping March Shipping March Shipping	
Africa-South— Cape Town Port Elizabeth East London Durban	January 25 February 15-20 March 15-20	Cumberland County Hants County Yarmouth County	March Shipping March Shipping March Shipping	
Argentina— Buenos Aires Buneos Aires	January 23 February 15	Brazilian Prince Javanese Prince	Furness Withy Furness Withy	
Belgium— AntwerpAntwerpAntwerp	February 11–12 February 14 March 29–30	*Beaconsfield Mortain *Beckenham	Cunard Donaldson Furness Withy Cunard Donaldson	
Brazil— Rio de Janeiro Santos	January 28 February 15	Brazilian Prince Javanese Prince	Furness Withy Furness Withy	
C eylon — Colombo	February 10	Seaside	March Shipping	
China— Shanghai Shanghai	February 3-4 February 10	Achilles Seaside	Cunard Donaldson March Shipping	
Cuba— Santiago Santiago	February 4-6 February 20-22	Magister Dufferin Bell	Drew, Brown Drew, Brown	
Denmark— Copenhagen	January 22-31	Sparreholm	Swedish American	

Destination	Loading Date	Vessel	Operator or Agent
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Egypt— Port Said Suez	(January 17–27 {February 13–15 [March 12–14	Jacob Luckenback Borneo Welterreden	Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson
Finland— Helsinki	January 22-31	Sparreholm	Swedish American
France Marseilles	February 14	Capo Arma	Furness Withy
Germany— Hamburg Hamburg		*Beaconsfield *Beckenham	Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson
Gibraltar	February 20	A Ship	Montreal Shipping
Greece— Piraeus	February 26	Marchdale	Montreal Shipping
Hong Kong	February 3-4 February 10	Achilles Seaside	Cunard Donaldson March Shipping
Iceland— Reykjavik Reykjavik		Salmonknot Trueknot	F. K. Warren F. K. Warren
India and Pakistan— Bombay Calcutta Madras	February 10	Seaside	March Shipping
Italy— (ienoa	February 20	A Ship	Montreal Shipping
Venice	February 20	A Ship	Montreal Shipping
West Coast Ports	February 14	Capo Arma	Furness Withy
Malayan Union— Penning Port Swettenham	January 17-27 February 13-15 March 12-14	Jacob Luckenback Borneo Weltevreden	Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson
Mediterranean— Central and Western Areus	February 20 February 26	A Ship Marchdale	Montreal Shipping Montreal Shipping
Netherlands— Amsterdam		*Beaconsfield *Beckenham	Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson
Netherlands East Indies— Batavia	January 17-27 February 13-15 March 12-14	Jacob Luckenback Bornco Weltevreden	Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson
Newfoundland— St. John's	February 2 February 5 February 6-9 February 7 February 13 February 14 February 24 March 2	Blue Cloud North Pioneer Blue Peter II Mayfall Fort Townshend (r) North Pioneer Nova Scotia (r) North Pioneer Newfoundland (r) North Pioneer	Montreal Shipping Clarke Steamships Montreal Shipping Shaw Steamships Furness Withy Clarke Steamships Furness Withy Clarke Steamships Furness Withy Clarke Steamships

Departures from Halifax—Continued

Destination	Loading Date	Vessel	Operator or Agent	
Norway— Oslo	January 22-31	G 1 7	G. 11.1.4	
Bergen	January 22-31	Sparreholm	Swedish American	
Philippines— Manila	February 3-4	Achilles	Cunard Donaldson	
Portugal— Lisbon	February 20	A Ship	Montreal Shipping	
St. Pierre et Miquelon	(January 24-27 \February 6-9	Mayhaven Mayfall	Shaw Steamships Shaw Steamships	
Singapore	(January 17-27 February 10 February 13-15 March 12-14	Jacob Luckenback Seaside Borneo Weltevreden	Cunard Donaldson March Shipping Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson	
Sweden— Gothenburg Malmo Norrkoping Stockholm	January 22-31	Sparreholm	Swedish American	
Trieste	February 26	Marchdale	Montreal Shipping	
United Kingdom— Avonmouth Avonmouth	January 27 February 14	Pacific Stronghold Boston City	Furness Withy Furness Withy	
Liverpool. Liverpool. Liverpool. Liverpool. Liverpool. Liverpool. Liverpool. Liverpool.	February 14 February 17-24 March 2 March 10 March 12	Ascania (r) Nora Scotia (r) Valacia (r) Newfoundland (r) *Empress of Canada (r) Ascania (r) Ascania (r)	Cunard Donaldson Furness Withy Cunard Donaldson Furness Withy Canadian Pacific Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson	
London	Jan. 29-Feb. 5	Vasconia (r)	Cunard Donaldson	
Southampton Southampton Southampton Southampton	February 16 March 5	Aquitania Aquitania Aquitania Aquitania	Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson	
Uruguay— Montevideo Montevideo	January 28 February 15	Brazilian Prince Javanese Prince	Furness Withy Furness Withy	
West Indies— Antigua Antigua. Antigua.	February 7–16	Alcoa Polaris A Ship Lady Nelson (r)	Alcoa Steamships Alcoa Steamships Canadian National	
Bahamas	February 2	Canadian Cruiser (r)	Canadian National	
Barbados Barbados Barbados	February 7–16	Alcoa Polaris A Ship Lady Nelson (r)	Alcoa Steamships Alcoa Steamships Canadian National	
Bermuda Bermuda Bermuda Bermuda.	Jan. 24-Feb. 2 Jan. 25-Feb. 2 February 7-16	Alcoa Polaris Canadian Constructor (r) A Ship Lady Nelson (r)	Alcoa Steamships Canadian National Alcoa Steamships Canadian National	
British Guiana British Guiana British Guiana British Guiana	February 7–16 Jan. 25–Feb. 2	Alcoa Polaris A Ship Canadian Constructor (r) Lady Nelson (r)	Alcoa Steamships Alcoa Steamships Canadian National Canadian National	
Dominica		Canadian Constructor (r) Lady Nelson (r)	Canadian National Canadian National	

Destination	Loading Date	Vessel	Operator or Agent
West Indies—Con. Grenada. Grenada. Grenada. Grenada.	Jan. 24–Feb. 2 February 7–16 Jan. 25–Feb. 2 February 18	Alcoa Polaris A Ship Canadian Constructor (r) Lady Nelson (r)	Alcoa Steamships Alcoa Steamships Canadian National Canadian National
Jamaica.	January 12–26	A Ship	Pickford and Black
Jamaica.	February 2	Canadian Cruiser (r)	Canadian National
Jamaica.	February 4–6	Magister	Drew, Brown
Jamaica.	February 20–22	Dufferin Bell	Drew, Brown
Montserrat	February 18	Lady Nelson (r)	Canadian National
St. Kitts	Jan. 24–Feb. 2	Alcoa Polaris	Alcoa Steamhips
	February 7–16	A Ship	Alcoa Steamships
	Jan. 25–Feb. 2	Canadian Constructor (r)	Canadian National
	February 18	Lady Nelson (r)	Canadian National
St. Lucia	Jan. 24-Feb. 2	Alcoa Polaris	Alcoa Steamships
	February 7-16	A Ship	Alcoa Steamships
	Jan. 25-Feb. 2	Canadian Constructor (r)	Canadian National
	February 8	Lady Nelson (r)	Canadian National
St. Vincent St. Vincent St. Vincent St. Vincent	Jan. 24-Feb. 2	Alcoa Polaris	Alcoa Steamships
	February 7-16	A Ship	Alcoa Steamships
	Jan. 25-Feb. 2	Canadian Constructor (r)	Canadian National
	February 18	Lady Nelson (r)	Canadian National
TrinidadTrinidadTrinidadTrinidadTrinidadTrinidad.	Jan. 24-Feb. 2	Alcoa Polaris	Alcoa Steamships
	February 7-16.	A Ship	Alcoa Steamships
	Jan. 25-Feb. 2	Canadian Constructor (r)	Canadian National
	February 18	Lady Nelson (r)	Canadian National

Departures from Saint John

(r) Indicates refrigerated cargo space.

Destination	Loading Date	Vessel	Operator or Agent
Africa-East— Lourenço Marques	February 4-14 February 17-27	Cambray · Cabano	Elder Dempster Elder Dempster
Africa-South— Cape Town Port Elizabeth East London Durban	February 4-14 February 17-27	Cambray Cabano	Elder Dempster Elder Dempster
Australia— Sydney	February 16-25	Kaituna	Montreal Australia New Zealand Line
Belgium— Antwerp. Antwerp. Antwerp. Antwerp. Antwerp. Antwerp. Antwerp. Antwerp.	February 17 February 18	Mont Sorrel Prins Willem II Kent County Mont Rolland Mont Sandra Hedel	Montreal Shipping Shipping, Limited Canada Steamships Montreal Shipping Montreal Shipping Shippnig, Limited
British Honduras— Belize	February 1-6	Benny (r)	Saguenay Terminals
Canal Zone— Cristobal	February 1-6	Benny (r)	Saguenay Terminals
Ceylon— Colombo	February 1-5	Daltonhall	McLean Kennedy

Departures from Saint John—Continued

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Destination	Loading Date	Vessel	Operator or Agent	
China— Shanghai Shanghai	February 3-4 February 25-29	Achilles City of Swansea	Cunard Donaldson McLean Kennedy	
Colombia—'' Barranquilla Barranquilla	February 1-6 February 23-29	Benny (r) Shakespeare Park (r)	Saguenay Terminals Saguenay Terminals	
Dominican Republic— Ciudad Trujillo	February 23–29	Shakespeare Park (r)	Saguenay Terminals	
Egypt— Alexandria Port Sudan	February 1-5	Daltonhall	McLean Kennedy	
Erie— Dublin	February 12	Irish Spruce	Shipping, Limited	
France— Le Havre Le Havre Le Havre Le Havre	February 17 February 18	Mont Sorrel Kent County Mont Rolland Mont Sandra	Montreal Shipping Canada Steamships Montreal Shipping Montreal Shipping	
Germany— Bremerhaven.:	Jan. 30–Feb. 3	Beaverbrae	Canadian Pacific	
HamburgHamburg,	January 28 February 18	Mont Sorrel Mont Rolland	Montreal Shipping Montreal Shipping	
Haiti— Port au Prince	February 23–29	Shakespeare Park (r)	Saguenay Terminals	
Hong Kong	 February 3-4 February 25-29	Achilles City of Swansea	Cunard Donaldson McLean Kennedy	
India— Karachi	_	Daltonhall	McLean Kennedy	
Mexico— Veracruz	February 3	Federal Ambassador	McLean Kennedy	
Netherlands— Rotterdam Rotterdam Rotterdam Rotterdam Rotterdam Rotterdam	February 14 February 17	Mont Sorrel Prins Willem II Kent County Mont Sandra Hedel	Montreal Shipping Shipping, Limited Canada Steamships Montreal Shipping Shipping, Limited	
Netherlands West Indies— Curação	February 23–29	Shakespeare Park (r)	Saguenay Terminals	
New Zealand— Auckland	February 16-25	Kaituna	Montreal Australia New Zealand Line	
Northern Ireland— Belfast	Jan. 29-Feb. 3	Fanad Head	McLean Kennedy	
Norway— Oslo	January 26–28	Topdalsfjord	March Shipping	

Departures from Saint John—Concluded

Destination	Loading Date	Vessel	Operator or Agent	
Oslo Kristiansand Stavanger Bergen	February 10-12	Frierfjord	March Shipping	
Philippines— Manila Manila	February 3–4 February 25–29	Achilles City of Swansea	Cunard Donaldson McLean Kennedy	
United Kingdom— Avonmouth Avonmouth Avonmouth Avonmouth Avonmouth Avonmouth	February 7-14 February 12-17 February 14-21 Feb. 24-Mar. 2 March 12-19 April 6-13	Gracia (r) Moveria Delilian Salacia (r) Moveria Salacia (r)	Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson	
Glasgow. Glasgow. Glasgow. Glasgow. Glasgow. Glasgow. Glasgow. Glasgow. Glasgow.	February 5-12 February 15-22 February 20-27 March 6-13 March 23-30 April 5-12 April 9-16	Norwegian (r) Salacia (r) Carmia (r) Dorelian (r) Norwegian (r) Delilian (r) Carmia (r)	Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson	
Hull	February 4-9 February 14-20	Consuelo (r) Marengo (r)	McLean Kennedy McLean Kennedy	
Leith Leith	February 10 February 20	Cairnavon Cairnesk (r)	Furness Withy Furness Withy	
Liverpool. Liverpool. Liverpool. Liverpool. Liverpool Liverpool Liverpool Liverpool. Liverpool.	January 23-30 Jan. 27-Feb. 2 Jan. 29-Feb. 3 February 5-12 February 9-15 February 25 Feb. 29-Mar. 7 March 10	Port Sydney (r) Hillcrest Park Fanad Head Beaverburn (r) Sibley Park Beaverford Arabia (r) Empress of Canada (r)	Cunard Donaldson Cunard Donaldson McLean Kennedy Canadian Pacific Cunard Donaldson Canadian Pacific Cunard Donaldson Canadian Pacific	
London. London London London London London London London London London	February 4-10 February 9-16 February 11-17 Feb. 29-Mar. 7	Beaverlake (r) Beaverbrae Beaverglen (r) Asia (r) Beavercove (r) Port Melbourne (r) Beaverdell (r)	Canadian Pacific Canadian Pacific Canadian Pacific Canadian Pacific Canadian Pacific Cunard Donaldson Canadian Pacific	
Manchester Manchester Manchester Manchester Manchester	February 5 February 12 February 19	Manchester Com'erce (r) Manchester Regiment (r) Manchester City (r) Manchester Progress (r) Manchester Trader (r)	Furness Withy Furness Withy Furness Withy Furness Withy Furness Withy	
Newcastle	February 10 February 20	Cairnavon Cairnesk (r)	Furness Withy Furness Withy	
Venezuela— La Guaira	February 23-29	Shakespeare Park (r)	Saguenay Terminals	
La Guaira	February 1-6	Benny (r)	Saguenay Terminals	
West Indies— Bermuda	January 26	Fort Amherst (r)	Furness Withy	

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Foreign Trade Service head office directory, as well as the directory of Foreign Commercial Representatives in Canada appears in the last issue of Foreign Trade each month.

Departures from Vancouver

Ships listed under "Departures from Vancouver" may possibly be loading in addition at New Westminster. Exporters should communicate with agents in Vancouver to obtain information concerning loading dates, berths, available cargo space and rates.

(r) Indicates refrigerated cargo space.

Destination	Loading Date	Vessel	Operator or Agent
Africa-East— Lourenço Marques Lourenço Marques	February 5 March	Overijsel Silversandal	Dingwall Cotts Dingwall Cotts
Mombasa	Jan. 29-Feb. 14	Lake Nipigon	North Pacific Shipping
Africa-South— Cape Town Port Elizabeth East London Durban	February 5 March	Overijsel Silversandal	Dingwall Cotts Dingwall Cotts
Algeria— Algiers	February 5	Earl A. Bloomquist	Empire Shipping
Argentina— Buenos Aires Buenos Aires Buenos Aires	February 5 February 22 March	Whittier Victory Clearwater Victory Hoyanger	Balfour Guthrie Balfour Guthrie Empire Shipping
Australia— Melbourne Sydney	February 26	Wairata	Canadian Australasian
BrisbaneSydneyMelbourneAdelaide	March	Mattawunga	Empire Shipping
Sydney	February 16 March	Mongabarra A Ship	Empire Shipping Empire Shipping
Belgium— Antwerp	February 3	Rouen	Empire Shipping
Brazil— Rio de Janeiro Santos	February 5 February 22	Whittier Victory Clearwater Victory	Balfour Guthrie Balfour Guthrie
Burma— Rangoon	February 5	Höegh Silverspray	Dingwall Cotts
Ceylon— Colombo Colombo	February 15 February 18	Japara Tosari	Dingwall Cotts Dingwall Cotts
Chile— Arica	February 4-5	Santa Leonor	Gardner Johnson
Valparaiso	March	Hoyanger	Empire Shipping
China— Shanghai Shanghai Shanghai Shanghai Shanghai	Jan.30-Feb.13 February 2-15 Feb. 16-Mar. 1 Feb. 26-Mar. 13	Lake Kamloops Lake Pennask Lake Sicamous Lake Babine	Anglo Canadian S.S. North Pacific Shipping Anglo Canadian S.S. Anglo Canadian S.S.
Shanghai Taku Bar	March 6	Kookaburra	Empire Shipping
Colombia— Buenaventura	February 13	Don Anselmo	Empire Shipping
Costa Rica— Puntarenas	February 13	Don Anselmo	Empire Shipping

Departures from Vancouver—Continued

Destination ·	Loading Date	Vessel	Operator or Agent
Ecuador— Guayaquil	February 4-5	Santa Leonor	Gardner Johnson
Egypt— Alexandria	Jan. 30-Feb. 13	Lake Canim	Canada Shipping
Fiji Islands— Lautoka	February 26	Wairata	Canadian Australasian
France— Le Havre	February 5	Rouen	Empire Shipping
Marseilles	February 5	Earl A. Bloomquist	Empire Shipping
Greece Piraeus	∫February 3–17 (Jan. 30–Feb. 13	Lake Chilliwack Lake Canim	Canada Shipping Canada Shipping
Hong Kong	(February 2-15)February 14 March 14 April 14	Lake Pennask Roseville Castleville Francisville	North Pacific Shipping Balfour Guthrie Balfour Guthrie Balfour Guthrie
India and Pakistan— Bombay Calcutta	February 15	Japara	Dingwall Cotts
Madras	Early February February 5	Silverguava Höegh Silverspray	Dingwall Cotts Dingwall Cotts
Madras	Jan. 29-Feb. 14	Lake Nipigon	North Pacific Shipping
Calcutta	February 2-15	Lake Pennask	North Pacific Shipping
Bombay	February 18	Tosari	Dingwall Cotts
Italy— Genoa	February 3-17 February 3 February 5	Lake Chilliwack George D. Gratsos Earl A. Bloomquist	Anglo Canadian S.S. Empire Shipping Empire Shipping
Japan— Yokohama	February 3-9	Lake Winnipeg	Empire Shipping
Keelung	Feb. 26-Mar. 13	Lake Babine	Anglo Canadian S.S.
Malayan Union— Penang Port Swettenham	(February 14 February 18 March 14 April 14	Roseville Tosari Castleville Francisville	Balfour Guthrie Dingwall Cotts Balfour Guthrie Balfour Guthrie
Netherlands— Rotterdam	February 3	Rouen	Empire Shipping
Netherlands East Indies— Batavia Soerabaya	February 5 February 14 February 15 February 18 March 14 April 14	Roseville Japara Tosari Höegh Silverspray Castleville Francisville	Balfour Guthrie Dingwall Cotts Dingwall Cotts Dingwall Cotts Balfour Guthrie Balfour Guthrie
New Zealand— Auckland	February 26	Wairata	Canadian Australasian
Palestine— Haifa Haifa	February 3 February 5	George D. Gratsos Earl A. Bloomquist	Empire Shipping Empire Shipping

Departures from Vancouver—Concluded

Destination	Loading Date	Vessel	Operator or Agent	
Panama— Balboa	February 4-5	Santa Leonor	Gardner Johnson	
Peru— TalaraCallaoMollendo	February 4-5	Santa Leonor	Gardner Johnson	
Philippines— Manila Iloilo Cebu	February 14 March 14 April 14	Roseville Castleville Francisville	Balfour Guthrie Balfour Guthrie Balfour Guthrie	
Manila Manila Manila Manila	February 15 February 5	Silverguava Höegh Silverspray Japara Kookaburra	Dingwall Cotts Dingwall Cotts Dingwall Cotts Empire Shipping	
Portugal Lisbon	February 5	Earl A. Bloomquist	Empire Shipping	
Salvador La Libertad	February 13	Don Anselmo	Empire Shipping	
Singapore	February 5 Early February 14 February 15 February 18 March 14 April 14	Höegh Silverspray Silverpuava Roseville Japara Tosari Castleville Francisville	Dingwall Cotts Dingwall Cotts Balfour Guthrie Dingwall Cotts Dingwall Cotts Balfour Guthrie Balfour Guthrie	
Trieste	February 3-17	Lake Chilliwack	Anglo Canadian S.S.	
Trinidad— Port of Spain	February 22	Clearwater Victory	Balfour Guthrie	
United Kingdom— Liverpool	February 5-10 Mid-March	Pacific Shipper Pacific Exporter	Furness Pacific Furness Pacific	
LondonLondonLondonLondonLondonLondonLondonLondonLondonLondon	Late February	Lake Sumas Lake Alhabasca Laurentia Lake Minnewanka	Anglo Canadian S.S. Western Canada S.S. Balfour Guthrie Anglo Canadian S.S.	
Uruguay— Montevideo	February 5	Whittier Victory	Balfour Guthrie	
Venezuela— La Guaira Maracaibo Puerto Cabello	February 13	Don Anselmo	Empire Shipping	

Egypt Invites Tenders for Diesel Generating Station

Cairo, December 23, 1947.—(FTS)—The Egyptian Government invites tenders for the supply and erection of the main items of mechanical and electrical equipment for the diesel generating station and water filtration and ice-making plants for the Aswan dam hydro-electric scheme.

No date has been announced for the closing of tenders, but any Canadian companies interested in these contracts should communicate immediately with Mr. J. M. Boyer, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, P.O. Box 1770, Cairo. They will then be put in touch with engineering firms in Egypt who will supply them with specifications.

Foreign Trade Service Abroad

Cable address:-Canadian, unless otherwise shown.

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Argentina

Buenos Aires-H. L. Brown, Commercial Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Bartolomé Mitre 478.

Territory includes Uruguay and Paraguay.

Australia

Sydney—C. M. Croff, Commercial Counsellor for Canada, City Mutual Life Building, Hunter and Bligh Streets. Address for letters: Post Office Box 3952V.

Territory includes the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Queensland, Northern Territory and Dependencies.

Melbourne—F. W. Fraser, Commercial Secretary for Canada, 83 William Street.

Territory includes States of Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tas-

Belgian Congo

Leopoldville—L. H. Ausman, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, Forescom Building.
Postale 373. Address for letters: Boîte

Territory includes Angola and French Equatorial Africa.

Belgium

Brussels-B. A. MACDONALD, Commercial Secretary, Canadian Embassy, 46 rue Montoyer.

Brazil

Rio de Janeiro-Maurice Bélanger, Commercial Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Ed. Metropòle, Avenida Presidente Wilson, 165. Address for letters: Caixa Postal 2164.

São Paulo-J. C. Depocas, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, Canadian Consulate, Edificio Alois, Rua 7 de Abril 252. Address for letters: Caixa Postal

6034.

Santiago—J. L. MUTTER, Commercial Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Bank of London and South America Building. Address for letters: Casilla 771.

Territory includes Bolivia.

China

Shanghai—L. M. Cosgrave, Commerci Counsellor for Canada, 27 The Bund. Commercial Postal District (0).

Colombia

Bogotá-H. W. RICHARDSON, Acting Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, Edificio Colombiana de Seguros. Address for letters: Apartado 1618. Address for air mail: Apartado Aereo 3562.

Territory includes Republic of Panama and

the Canal Zone.

Cuba

Havana-R. G. C. SMITH, Commercial Secretary, Canadian Legation, Avenida de las Misiones 17. Address for letters: Apar-

Territory includes Haiti, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.

Egypt

Cairo-J. M. Boyer, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, 22 Shari Kasr el Nil. Address for letters: Post Office Box 1770.

Territory includes the Sudan, Palestine, Cyprus, Iraq, Syria and Iran.

France

Paris—Yves Lamontagne, Commercial Counsellor, Canadian Embassy, 3 rue Scribe. Territory includes Switzerland, Algeria, French Morocco and Tunisia.

Germany

Frankfurt—D. W. Jackson, Canadian Economic Representative, % Allied Contact Section, H.Q. EUCOM, Frank-furt, A.P.O. 757, U.S. Army. Cable address, Canadian Frankfurt/Main.

Greece

Athens—T. J. Monty, Commercial Secretary, Canadian Embassy, 31 Vassilissis Sophias

Territory includes Turkey.

Guatemala

Guatemala City-C. B. BIRKETT, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, Post Office Box 400.

Territory includes Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua.

Hong Kong

Hong Kong-K. F. Noble, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, Hong Kong Bank Building. Address for letters: Post Office Box 126.

Territory includes South China, the Philippine Islands and French Indo-China.

India

Bombay—Richard Grew, Commercial Secretary for Canada, Gresham Assurance House, Mint Road. Address for letters: Post Office Box 886.
Territory includes Burma and Ceylon.

Ireland

Dublin—H. L. E. PRIESTMAN, Commercial Secretary for Canada, 66 Upper O'Connell Street.

Belfast—H. L. E. PRIESTMAN, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, 36 Victoria Square.

Italy

Rome-J. P. Manion, Commercial Secretary, Canadian Legation, via Saverio Mercadante 15-17. Address for letters: Casella Postale 475. (Telephones—471-597 and 470-708.)

Territory includes Czechoslovakia, Malta, Yugoslavia and Libya.

Foreign Trade Service Abroad—Concluded

Jamaica

Kingston-M. B. PALMER, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, Canadian Bank of Commerce Chambers. Address for letters: Post Office Box 225.

Territory includes the Bahamas and British

Honduras.

Malayan Union

Singapore—PAUL SYKES, Canadian Govern-ment Trade Commissioner, Room D-2, Union Building. Address for letters: Post Office Box 845.

Territory includes North Borneo, Brunei, Sarawak, Siam and Netherlands East

Indies.

Mexico

Mexico City-D. S. Cole, Commercial Counsellor, Canadian Embassy, Edificio Internacional, Paseo de la Reforma. Address for letters: Apartado Num. 126-Bis.

Netherlands

The Hague—J. A. Langley, Commercial Counsellor, Canadian Embassy, Sophialaan 1-A.

Newfoundland

St. John's-J. C. BRITTON, Commercial Secretary, Office of the High Commissioner

for Canada, Circular Road.

New Zealand

Wellington—P. V. McLane, Commercial
Secretary, Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, Post Office Box 1660. Territory includes Fiji and Western Samoa.

Norway Oslo-S. G. MacDonald, Commercial Secretary, Canadian Legation, Fridtjof Nan-sens Plass 5.

Territory includes Denmark and Green-

Pakistan

Karachi-G. A. Browne, Acting Canadian Government Trade Commissioner. Address for letters: Post Office Box 531.

Peru

Lima-C. J. VAN TIGHEM, Commercial Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Edificio Boza, Carabaya 831, Plaza San Martin. Address for letters: Casilla 1212. Territory includes Ecuador.

Portugal

Lisbon-L. S. GLASS, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, Canadian Consulate General, Rua Rodrigo da Fonseca

Territory includes the Azores and Madeira, Spain, Spanish Morocco, the Canary Islands and Gibraltar.

Johannesburg—J. H. ENGLISH, Commercial Counsellor for Canada, Mutual Build-ings, Harrison Street. Address for letters:

Post Office Box 715.

Territory includes Transvaal, Natal, Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia, Mozambique or Portuguese East Africa, Rhodesia, Kenva. Nyasaland, Tanganyika and Uganda.

Cable address. Cantracom.

Cape Town—S. V. Allen, Commercial Secretary for Canada, New South African Mutual Buildings, 21 Parliament Street. Address for letters: Post Office Box 683.

Territory includes Cape Province, Orange Free State, South-West Africa, Mauri-tius and Madagascar.

Cable address, Cantracom.

Sweden

Stockholm—F. H. PALMER, Commercial Counsellor, Canadian Legation, Strand-vägen 7-C. Address for letters: Post Office Box 14042. Territory includes Finland.

Trinidad

Port-of-Spain—T. G. Major, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, Colonial Life Insurance Building. Address for

letters: Post Office Box 125.
Territory includes Barbados, Windward and Leeward Islands, British Guiana, Dutch Guiana, French Guiana, and the French

West Indies.

United Kingdom

London—A. E. BRYAN, Commercial Counsellor, Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, Canada House, Trafalgar Square, S.W.1.

Square, S.W.I.

Cable address, Sleighing, London.

London—R. P. Bower, Commercial Secretary, Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, Canada House, Trafalgar Square, S.W.1.

Territory includes the South of England, East Anglia and British West Africa (Gold Coast, Sierra Leone and Nigeria).

Cable address, Sleighing, London.

Livernool—M. J. Vechsler, Canadian Governool—M. J. Vechsler, Canadian G

Liverpool—M. J. Vechsler, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, Martins

Bank Building, Water Street.
Territory includes the Midlands, North of England and Wales.

Glasgow—G. F. G. Hughes, Acting Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, 200 St. Vincent Street. Territory covers Scotland and Iceland.

Cable address, Cantracom.

United States

Washington—H. A. Scott, Commercial Counsellor, Canadian Embassy, 1746 Massa-

chusetts Avenue, N.W.

New York City—M. T. Stewart, Canadian
Government Trade Commissioner, British Empire Building, Rockefeller Centre. Territory includes Bermuda.

Cable address, Cantracom.

Los Angeles—V. E. Duclos, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, Associated Realty Building, 510 West Sixth Street.

Venezuela

Caracas-C. S. Bissett, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner. Address for letters: Canadian Consulate General, 8° Piso, Edificio America, Esq. Veroes. Territory includes Netherlands West Indies.

Foreign Exchange Quotations

The following are nominal quotations, based on rates available in London or New York and converted into Canadian terms at the mid-rate for sterling or par for United States dollars, as furnished by the Foreign Exchange Division of the Bank of Canada. These quotations may be found useful in considering statistics and prices generally, but Canadian exporters are reminded that the kinds of currency which may be accepted for exports to different countries are specifically covered by the Foreign Exchange Control Act and Regulations, and that funds may sometimes be tendered in payment for exports, which cannot, in fact, be transferred to Canada. Both importers and exporters are advised to communicate with their bankers before completing financial arrangements for the sale or purchase of commodities, to ensure that the method of payment contemplated is not only possible but that it is in accordance with the Foreign Exchange Control Act and Regulations.

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Brazil					.0238
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